

**TOWN OF STONEHAM
MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL REPORT
2016**

Board of Selectmen



Left to right: Selectmen Thomas Boussy, Selectman George Seibold, Chairwoman Ann Marie O'Neill, Secretary Anthony Wilson, Vice Chairwoman Caroline Colarusso

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TOWN OF STONEHAM
COMMUNITY PROFILE

Incorporated: Stoneham was incorporated as a town on December 17, 1725.

Situated: 10.3 miles from Boston

County: Middlesex

Land Area: 6.6 square miles

Population: 21,734

Tax Rate FY17: Residential: \$12.70
Commercial: \$22.55

FY16 Town Operating Budget: \$69,376,542

Form of Government: Elected Board of Selectmen; Town Administrator; Open Town Meeting

Annual Town Election: First Tuesday in April

Annual Town Meeting: First Monday in May

Public Schools: Colonial Park School; Robin Hood School; South School; Stoneham Central Middle School; Stoneham High School; Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School

Private Schools: St. Patrick's School; Greater Boston Academy

Governor: Charlie Baker

Senators in US Congress: Edward Markey; Elizabeth Warren

Representatives in US Congress – Fifth Congressional District: Katherine Clark

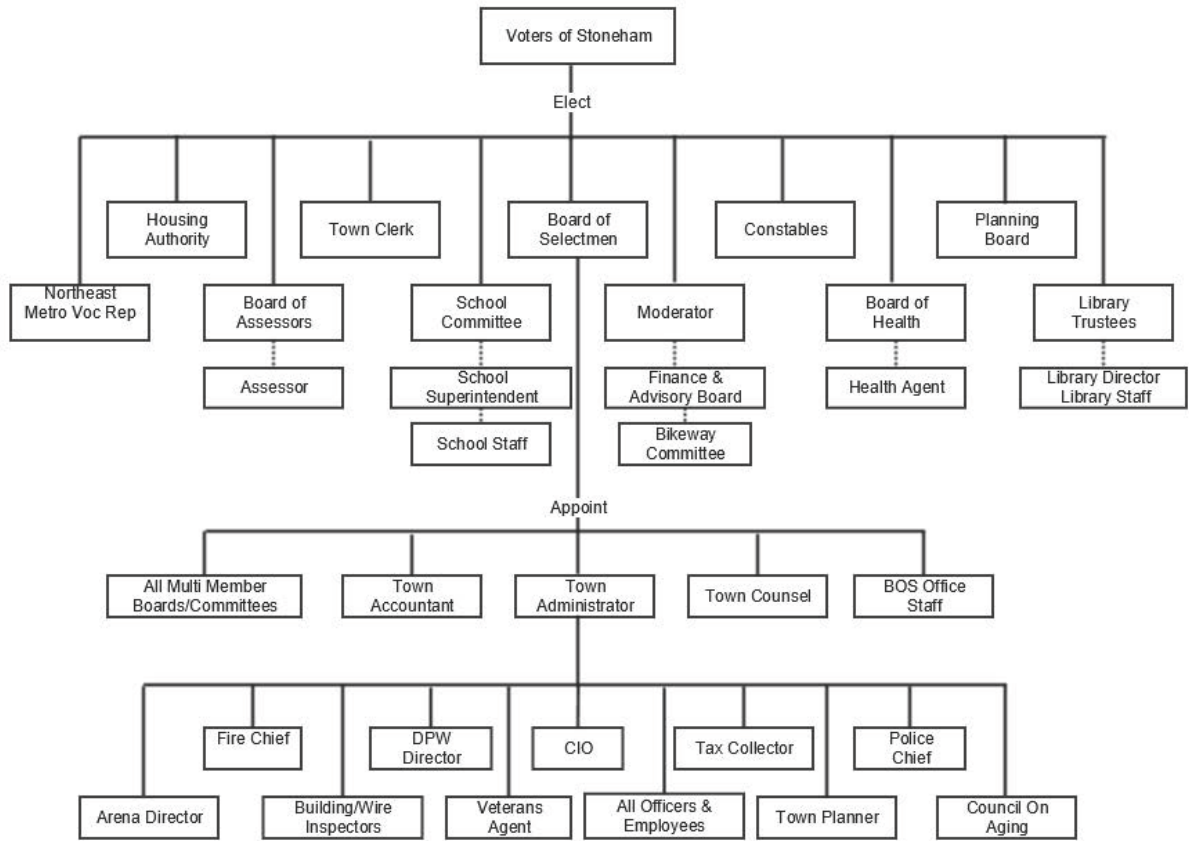
Sixth District Governor's Council: Terrance Kennedy

Fifth Middlesex Senatorial District: Jason Lewis

31st Middlesex Representative District: Michael Day

Official Website: www.stoneham-ma.gov

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



TOWN OF STONEHAM
ELECTED OFFICIALS 2016

Office	Term
Board of Assessors	
Craig Celli, Chairman	2018
Anthony Kennedy, Vice Chairman	2019
William Jordan, Treasurer	2017
Board of Health	
John Scullen, Chairman	2018
Theresa Dean, Vice Chairwoman	2019
Wendy Cayton (appointed to fill unexpired term)	2017
Board of Selectmen	
Ann Marie O'Neill, Chairwoman	2017
Caroline Colarusso, Vice Chairwoman	2018
Anthony Wilson, Secretary	2019
Thomas Boussy	2018
George Seibold	2019
Constables	
David Luciano	2018
Robert Moreira	2018
Robert Nardone	2018
Housing Authority	
Thomas Anderson, Chairman	2018
Kevin McLaughlin, Vic Chairman	2020
Robert Daniels, Treasurer	Appointed by Governor
Michelle Meagher, Assistant Treasurer	2019
Carol Mustone	2021
Library Trustees	
Rocco Chiccarello, Chairman	2017
Jane Francis, Vice Chairwoman	2018
Marina Memmo, Secretary	2018
Patricia DePietro (appointed to fill unexpired term)	2019
Susan Fixman	2019
Michael Rora	2017
Moderator	
Lawrence Means	2017
Northeast Metropolitan Vocational School District Representative	
Lawrence Means	2020

Office	Term
Planning Board	
August Niewenhous, III, Chairman	2017
Kevin Dolan, Vice Chairman	2019
Terrance Dolan	2020
Daniel Moynihan, Jr.	2018
Joseph Rolli	2021
School Committee	
David Maurer, Chairman	2017
Shawn McCarthy, Vice Chairman	2018
Marie Christie	2018
Shelly MacNeill	2017
Rachel Meredith-Warren	2019
Town Clerk	
Maria Sagarino	2019

APPOINTED OFFICIALS 2016

Board	Term
Bike and Greenway Committee	
Dolly Wilson, Chairwoman	2019
Bill Murphy, Vice Chairman	2019
Joan Lemire, Secretary	2018
Cameron Bain	2019
Dorothy Bergold	2018
Linda Hanson	2019
Cindy Hemenway	2019
Devon Manchester	2019
Catherine Moore	2018
Julie Shulman	2019
Board of Appeals	
William Sullivan, Chairman	2017
Raymond Dufour	2019
Kevin McLaughlin	2019
Robert Saltzman	2018
Tobin Shulman	2017
Laurence Rotondi, Associate	2019
Eric Rubin, Associate	2019

Board	Term
Capital Improvement Advisory Committee	
Tom Barry, Chairman	2019
Anthony Wilson, Selectman	
Thomas Younger, Town Administrator	
Dr. Les Olson, Superintendent of Schools	
Marie Christie, School Committee	
Devon Manchester, Finance and Advisory Board	
Daniel Moynihan, Planning Board	
Donald Piatt, Town Accountant	
William Previdi	2017
Tim Waitkevitch	2019
Conservation Commission	
Ellen McBride, Co-Chair	2017
Robert Parsons, Co-Chair	2017
Herlinda Charpentier Saitz	2019
Domenick Cimina	2018
Megan Day	2017
Norman L'Esperance	2019
Rachel Rennard	2018
George Drugas, Associate	2019
David Kelf, Associate	2019
Contributory Retirement Board	
Donald Piatt, Town Accountant, Ex-Officio	
Janice Houghton	2018
James McDermott	2017
John Scullin	2017
Kathleen Sullivan, Board of Selectman Designee	
Council on Aging – Board of Directors	
Kathleen Welch Hudson, Chairwoman	2017
Connie Rosa, Vice Chairwoman	2017
Angelika Adams	2019
Maureen Buckley	2018
Rebecca Buttiglieri Coluntino	2018
Jane DiGangi	2019
William Kelly	2019
Celia Schulhoff	2017
Walter Wolonsavich	2019
Mary Zatta	2017
Cultural Council	
Ann McPherson, Chairwoman	2017
Jane Digangi, Treasurer	2017
Nicole Tammaro, Publicity	2019
Rica Blahnik	2019
Herlinda Charpentier Saitz	2019
Jae Cho	2019
Lisa Gallagher	2019
Andrea Simmons	2019

Board	Term
Disability Committee	
William Cameron, Chairman, Treasurer	2019
Susan Coughlin, Co-Chairwoman, Secretary	2018
Lorna Saulnier, Acting ADA Coordinator, Communications Director	2017
Thomas Younger, Town Administrator	
Erin Alacron	2019
Jae Cho	2019
Farmers Market Committee	
Julie Boussy, Chairwoman	2017
Lauren Murphy, Vice Chairwoman / Secretary	2017
Karen Kelly, Treasurer	2019
Elizabeth Erk	2017
Kathryn Fitzgerald	2017
Tammy Golson	2019
Kristy Sinagra	2019
Finance and Advisory Board	
Patricia Walsh, Chairwoman	2017
Hilde MacCormack, Vice Chairwoman	2018
Thomas Dalton, Secretary	2019
Ben Caggiano	2017
Stephen Dapkiewicz	2019
Julianne DeSimone	2018
Stephanie Hayes	2018
Devon Manchester	2016
Angelo Mangino	2017
Robert Verner	2017
Historical Commission	
Dolly Wilson, Co-Chairwoman	2018
Marcia Wengen, Co-Chairwoman	2018
Joan Quigley, Treasurer	2017
Hilary Fotino	2019
Margaret Zoladkowski	2018
Historical Society	
Paulene Bee Russo, President	
Susan Doucette, First Vice President	
Donna Weiss, Second Vice President	
Faith Jenkins, Secretary	
Robert VanTichelt, Treasurer	

Board**Term****Memorial Day Committee**

Maureen Buckley, Chairwoman
Kevin Cantwell, Vice Chairman
Cameron Bain
James Devlin, Veterans Agent
Michael Doucette
Francis Geary
Jay Humphreys
James Lamb
George Parsons

Mystic Valley Elder Services

Maureen Canova
Gene Ferullo, Clerk
Janice Houghton

Open Space and Recreation Committee

Dennis Visconti, Chairman	2018
Stephen McDonough, Vice Chairman	2017
Aldo Ursino, Secretary	2017
John Bracciotti	2017
Therese DiBlasi	2019
David Goodberg	2019
Maura Hayes Campbell	2017
Cynthia Hemenway	2019
James Sarno	2017
Stephen Sylvester	2019

Registrars of Voters

Maria Sagarino, Town Clerk, Ex Officio	
Lawrence Allen	2019
Paul Means	2018
James Sinclair	2017

Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition

Shelly MacNeill, School Committee, Chairwoman
Thomas Younger, Town Administrator
Dr. Les Olson, Superintendent of Schools
James McIntyre, Chief of Police
George Seibold, Board of Selectmen
Peg Drummey, Board of Health
Judith Sadacca, Chamber of Commerce

Water and Sewer Review Board

Scott LeBeau (FAB Designee)	2019
Richard Mangerian (BOS Designee)	2017
Douglas Potts (FAB Designee)	2019
Shephen Quattrocchi (BOS Designee)	2019
Patricia Walsh (BOS Designee)	2018

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen (Board) is pleased to present the 2016 Annual Report to the residents of Stoneham, in accordance with Section 2-31 of the Town Code, which reads as follows: "Every officer in charge of a department shall annually, on or before the tenth day of January, transmit to the Selectmen, in writing, a report containing a statement of the acts and doings of his department for the past financial year; such report shall be printed in the Annual Report."

On April 5, 2016, George Seibold and Anthony Wilson were elected to a three-year term as Selectmen. On April 12, 2016, the Board reorganized. Ann Marie O'Neill was elected as Chairwoman; Caroline Colarusso was elected as Vice Chairwoman; Anthony Wilson was elected as Secretary; and Thomas Boussy and George Seibold are Board members.

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2-45, of the Town Code, William Solomon was reappointed as Town Counsel on March 8, 2016. After 31 years of service, Solomon retired on December 31, 2016. His excellent service to this Town has been appreciated and will be missed.

Many applications were processed for the Helen Walcott Stockwell Trust and the Sydney Hill Trust, which cover payment of medical and dental bills for Stoneham Residents who qualify. In addition, the Helen Walcott Stockwell Trust was used to pay for 90 doses of Prevnar 13 for our seniors.

The Board met 36 times in 2016. There was one Annual Town Meeting and three Special Town Meetings held this year. In addition, the Board members attended many sub-committee meetings, meetings of other boards, committees, and commissions. Public Hearings were held for site plan approvals, utility installations and grants of location, tax revenue classification, cable service contracts, and input on Town projects. The Board generated \$56,035 in alcohol and other license revenue in 2016. The Board made numerous appointments to boards and committees this year and continues to be encouraged by the spirit of volunteerism in our Town.

This year brought many challenges to the Board including contracting with a new trash hauler and continuing discussions and negotiations with Eversource and the MWRA regarding major construction projects. In addition, the Board hired a new Secretary, Dava Kilbride, a new Recreation Director, Steven Angelo, and a new Town Administrator, Thomas Younger. It also created and secured funding for two vitally important positions, Community Addictions Coordinator and Resident Service Coordinator at Stoneham Housing Authority.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with all the residents of Stoneham who are serving our county. The Board extends its to gratitude to Fire Fighters Sean Fitzgerald and Brent Last who serve in the Army National Guard and Fire Fighter David Eastman who serves in the Air Force National Guard.

On December 5, 2016, the Board held its annual Senior Citizens' Holiday Party. Approximately 335 seniors attended the event and enjoyed a wonderful meal, entertainment and raffle prizes. The Board wishes to thank Marty Murphy and the Murphy family, of Montvale Plaza, for their extraordinary and continued generosity in donating the luncheon and the use of Montvale Plaza, Spinner Music Productions for donating the entertainment, Life Care Center of Stoneham for providing the centerpieces, the Chamber of Commerce for its kind assistance in making this event a success, Maureen Canova and the Council on Aging for providing transportation, the many volunteers who served lunch to our seniors, and the following individuals, departments, associations, and businesses for their very generous raffle donations: State Representative Michael Day, Ann Marie O'Neill, Chairwoman, Selectman Thomas Boussy and family, Selectwoman Caroline Colarusso, Selectman George Seibold and family, Selectman Anthony Wilson and Dolly Wilson, former Selectman Frank Vallarelli, Maria Sagarino, Town Clerk, Erin Wortman, Town Planner, Dava Kilbride, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen, Association of Firefighters – Town of Stoneham, Town of Stoneham Fire Department, Town of Stoneham Recreation Department, Anita's Hair Design – 420 Main Street, Stoneham, The Arbors – 140 Franklin Street, Stoneham, Barile Family Funeral Home – 482 Main Street, Stoneham, The Staff at Courtyard Boston Woburn North – 700 Unicorn Park Drive, Woburn, Fedele Auto Sales – 263 Main Street, Stoneham, Fusion Taste – 19 Franklin Street, Stoneham, Hair Mates Salon - 291 Main Street, Stoneham, H & R Block – 212 Main Street, Stoneham, Honey Dew – 362 Main Street, Stoneham, Liberty Bell Roast Beef – 219 Main Street, Stoneham, Mystic Valley Elder Services – 300 Commercial Street, Malden, Papa Gino's Pizzeria - 190 Main Street, Stoneham, Sato II –

147 Main Street, Stoneham, Stearns Painting – 38 Bellevue Road, Stoneham, Stoneham Bank – 80 Montvale Avenue, Stoneham, Stoneham Fuel Company – 41A Franklin Street, Stoneham, and Three Amigos – 125 Main Street, Stoneham. Thanks to their generosity and hard work, the party was a great success.

The Board members continue to be receptive to resident input at public hearings, meetings, office hours, in-home visits, as well as through email and phone calls. The Board welcomes input and strongly encourages this communication between the Board and the community. The Board wishes to thank all Town officers, employees, and committee members for their efforts and dedication to this Town. Their continued efforts allow the Town to provide a high level of service, making Stoneham a wonderful place to live and enjoy.

Respectfully submitted: Dava Kilbride, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

The Stoneham Planning Board met thirteen times and conducted fourteen public hearings during 2016. Twelve special permits were granted. One bond request for a new subdivision was approved. Eleven plans were endorsed Approval Not Required under the Subdivision Control Law. A hearing were held and recommendations made on a Zoning Bylaw Warrant Article. In addition, members participated in the Business Roundtable, Stoneham Square Action Plan Committee, The Capital Planning Committee and other joint meetings.

Many challenges continue to be in the forefront of planning efforts in the community. Most business and residential development in Stoneham have been classified as reuse or repurpose projects in otherwise mature districts and neighborhoods for the last decade. The difficulty and complexity in dealing with these projects has increased exponentially in the last several years. The Board remains committed to recognizing the rights of those seeking to develop their property while protecting the rights of abutting properties and the good of the Town.

The Board acted upon a Zoning By-Law amendment and a subsequent Special Permit after approval by Town Meeting that focused on the expansion of the locations off-site bill boards along Rt. P3. This expansion comes with a highly controlled process to ensure that these signs do not effect residential neighborhoods. The protection of boundaries between various residential and commercial uses appear to be a trend and requires a high level of diligence in these sensitive issues. Other major projects remained in process due largely to the proponents themselves taking the opportunity to work with the Town and the Board to rethink and redesign projects that have already been submitted to the Board in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.

Your Board remains dedicated to resolving as many issues in our jurisdiction within the Town without recourse to the court system; but we will exercise every option to protect the integrity of the Board and the Town. We remain committed to take every measure within our jurisdiction to protect the rights of the Town and the integrity of the abutting neighborhoods with regard to the proposal for the large affordable housing project on Franklin Street now advancing under M.G.L. Chapter 40B.

I would like to thank fellow members Kevin Dolan, Terrence Dolan and Daniel Moynihan for their commitment and long-term dedication. We also bid farewell to long term Board Member Tom O'Grady and thank him for his contributions over many years. We welcomed new Board Member Joe Rolli who brings years of code compliance experience to the Board. Our work has advanced rapidly and professionally due to the efforts of Cathy Rooney, our Planning Board Administrator, our new Principal Office Assistant, Jen DeCourcy and Town Planner, Erin Wortman, and. We are fortunate to have such capable staff members allow the Board to function as efficiently as possible. We would be remiss if we did not recognize retiring Town Counsel Bill Solomon and express our heartfelt thanks for all his assistance to the Board over many years.

In closing, we would like to thank all of our colleagues in the various other boards, commissions and departments for their assistance and support in 2016

Respectfully submitted: August Niewenhous, Chairman

BIKE AND GREENWAY COMMITTEE

Members: Dolly Wilson (Chair), Bill Murphy (Vice-Chair), Joan Lemire (Secretary), Cameron Bain, Dorothy Bergold, Linda Hanson, Cindy Hemenway, Julie Shulman, Devon Manchester, Catherine Moore. Thanks to former members, vice chair Mary Furrier and chair Anthony Wilson, both on the committee since it was reformed in 2010, who resigned in 2016.

The Stoneham Bikeway/Greenway Committee is a volunteer group of residents established at the October 2009 Town Meeting “to assist the Selectmen/Town Administrator in the implementation and the development of the Town owned land or leased land commonly known as the ‘Railroad right-of-way’ as a Linear Park/Greenway with a continuous multi use trail...”. With 1.6 miles in Stoneham and 6.6 total miles including Winchester and Woburn, the Greenway will provide Stoneham residents a beautiful new trail that connects many neighborhoods to our downtown and other recreation areas.

The year of 2016 saw the biggest milestone for the Greenway in its 20-plus years as an idea. **The project went to bid in August 2016, which clears the way for construction in 2017!**

The Town of Stoneham finished its pre-bid responsibilities in 2015, but the project was delayed waiting for Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection finalization in Winchester. That happened in May 2016, allowing the Town of Winchester to complete right-of-way clearance and for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), who are in charge of the project, to advertise it for bid in August. The project has over \$5 million of funding from the federal and state governments. The low bidder was Northern Construction of Weymouth.

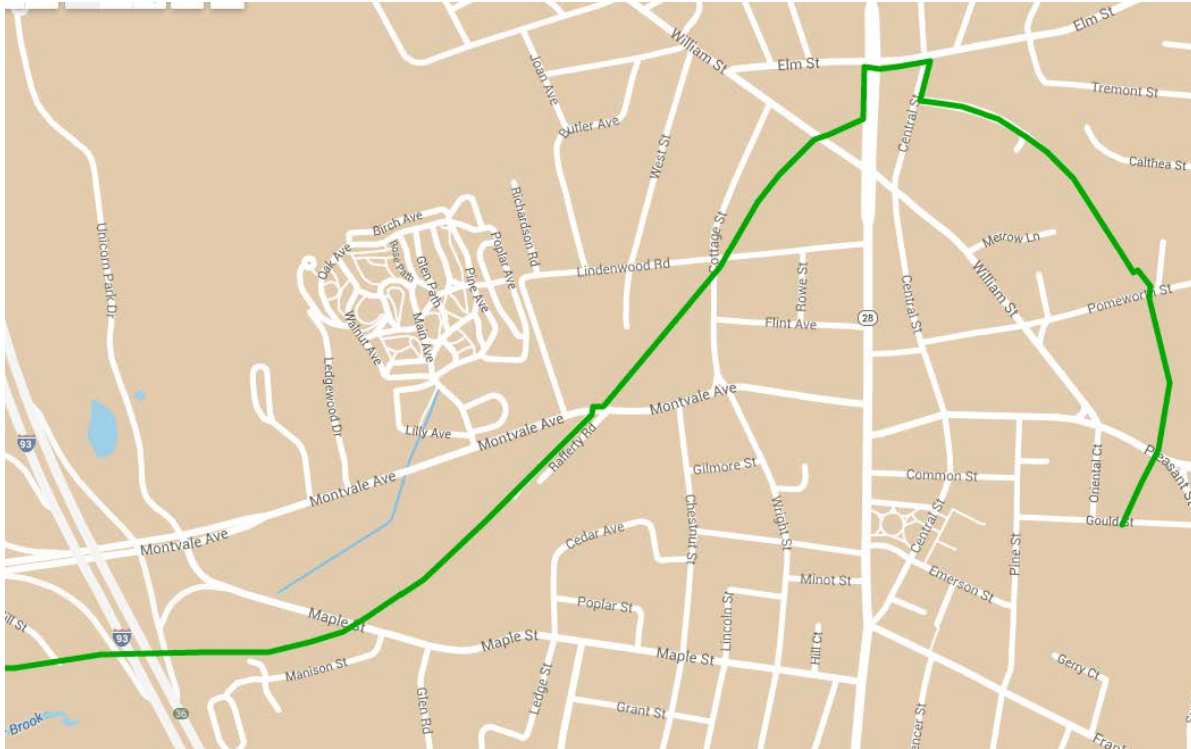
The construction will take up to two years but MassDOT expects the majority of the trail to be complete in the first year. If all goes as planned, the second year will complete signage and some landscaping. The construction schedule has not yet been set.

During 2016 committee members attended many Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Selectman’s and other meetings for projects adjacent to the railroad right-of-way.

Outreach is a continuing part of the Committee’s mission. Meetings are open to all. In addition to our meetings, committee members presented updates on Stoneham TV, attended Town Day, and sponsored several cleanups of the trail in Stoneham. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with activities.

Also in 2016, the Committee bid a reluctant goodbye to several long-time members, including former Chairman Anthony Wilson, who dedicated countless hours to the Greenway effort and was instrumental in moving the project forward, but who is now serving on the Stoneham Board of Selectman. Many thanks to Anthony and to Mary Furrier for their work in helping make the Tri-Community Greenway a reality for local residents.

Route of the Greenway:



BOARD OF APPEALS

The mission of the Stoneham Board of Appeals is to work to make the community the best it can be while providing for property and business owners needs through thoughtful consideration and the granting, when applicable, of special permits and variances.

Members for the 2016 year included Robert Saltzman, William Sullivan, Chairman, Tobin Shulman, Vice Chairman, R. Michael Dufour, Kevin McLaughlin, and Associate member, Eric Rubin

The Stoneham Board of Appeals met 11 times in 2016 for our regular scheduled meetings. The Board reviewed 48 applications for 2016. Thirty-nine petitions were approved, one petition was denied, and two petitions were withdrawn without prejudice. In addition to our regular meetings, the Board met 19 times in Executive Session.

A petition for a comprehensive permit at Weiss Farm has been stayed pending the appeals at the Housing Appeals Committee. The Board had 11 meetings on the petition of the 40 B application at Weiss Farm and one meeting with MEPA. At this time the Board of Appeals awaits the outcome of its appeal.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Board of Assessors:

Craig Celli	Chairman
William Jordan	Secretary
Anthony Kennedy	Member

Stoneham Assessors office staff:

Brian C Macdonald	Director of Assessing
Cheryl Kozlowski	Admin. Assessing Assistant

The calendar year 2016, the latter half of Fiscal Year 2016, began with the release of the actual tax bills for the 2016 Fiscal Year. There were 32 applications for abatement received by the office of which 28 abatements were granted. There were also 268 statutory exemptions granted by the Board of Assessors as well including 68 Elderly (41C) Exemptions and 163 Veterans Exemptions. Anthony Kennedy was reelected to the Board of Assessors in April of 2016.

Fiscal Year 2017, which began on July 1st, 2016, was an Interim Valuation Year for Stoneham's Assessing Department. Values were adjusted to meet state guidelines and received valuation approval by the Department of Revenue on September 14, 2016. The tax classification hearing was held on November 15th, 2016 and Department of Revenue approved the tax rate on November 30, 2016. The Board of Assessors recommended a CIP tax shift of 172 or 172% of the single tax rate of \$13.50. The recommendation was accepted by the Board of Selectman. This established a dual tax rate for the Residential / Open Space and Commercial / Industrial / Personal Property of \$12.39 and \$23.22 respectively. The total valuation of the community increased by approximately \$167,731,476 or 5.01%, from the previous fiscal year.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The mission of the Board of Health is to educate, promote, improve and protect the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Stoneham, while contributing to building a healthy community and environment in which to live. According to the Town's Bylaws, State and Federal Laws, the Board of Health is under a dutiful obligation to develop and implement health policies, standards, bylaws and regulations.

BOARD:

Mr. John J. Scullin: Mr. Scullin the senior member of the Stoneham Board of Health, currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Health and has done so also in the capacities of Chairman and Co- Chairman since 2000. He also served as a Lieutenant on the Town of Stoneham Fire Department. Mr. Scullin has been certified with the Town of Stoneham Fire Department and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in HAZMAT training and Emergency Medical Training – (EMT) Training. Chairman Scullin, who is now retired, generously and continually contributes his time to the Board of Health in every facet that the Board offers.

Wendy Cayton, RN: Ms. Cayton was elected to the Board of Health in November of 2016, and continues to enhance the Board and Department with her professionalism and expertise. She presently serves on the Board as Secretary. Ms. Cayton is a registered nurse who has previously served as Public Health Nurse for the Town of Stoneham.

Teresa Buckley Dean RN, MS: Mrs. Dean is the newest member of the Board of Health, joining the Board in November 2012 and currently sits as Vice-Chairperson for the Board. Terry was a former Public Health Nurse for the Town of Stoneham from 1999 to 2005. She started her nursing education at Northeastern University where she graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 1986 and then moved on to receive her Master of Science Degree in Nursing in 1992. Following that, she began her career at Children's Hospital and then worked at Winchester Hospital. During her time at Winchester Hospital she became the Public Health Nurse for the Town of Stoneham. She left her position at the Board of Health to become the Pediatric Clinical Nurse Educator for Mass General for Children at North Shore Medical Center in 2005. Most recently, Terry has become an Assistant Professor and teaches nursing at MCPHS University and has been accepted into the Doctorate in nursing program at Northeastern University.

The members of the Board of Health held ten (10) meetings this year. In addition to being proactive with public health issues and the rules and regulations, the Board decided on the following items:

- 1 Hearing: Re-Organization
- 1 Hearing: Farmers Market
- 1 Hearing: Vapor Store Moratorium
- 1 Hearing: Mosquito Control Funding
- 1 Hearing: Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition

John R. Fralick III, originally from Woburn, Massachusetts, is a graduate of Bridgewater State University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Education. Mr. Fralick came to the Town of Stoneham with 3 years experience as a Health Inspector for the city of Beverly. Currently, Mr. Fralick is a nationally-certified Environmental Health Specialist and Sanitarian with multiple accredited certifications and professional memberships.

Support staff includes:

John R. Fralick, III, REHS/RS	Health Agent
Margaret E. Drummey, RN	Public Health Nurse
Denise F. Breen	Office Assistant
Karyn C. Incatasciato	Office Assistant

HEALTH AGENT:

Under the direction of and on behalf of the Board of Health, the Health Agent is responsible for maintaining the day-to-day operations of the department. The Agent also keeps the Chairman of The Board of Health updated on a daily basis and works closely with the Town Administrator and other Department Heads within the town. The Health Agent enforces local, state, and federal regulations pertaining to the general public health, safety, and environment.

The Health Agent received and investigated 75 complaints in 2016.

Besides the complaint investigations, the Health Agent performed the following inspections:

Food Service Routine	101
Temporary Food	21
Food Service Follow up	10
Housing and Follow-up	45
Pools	17
Miscellaneous & Follow-up Inspections	31
Illness Investigation	2
Camps	4
Animal Quarantines	<u>6</u>
Total (+ Complaints)	312

The Board of Health in 2016, has remained proactive in maintaining a safe and community. The Board of Health is a member of the Substance Abuse Coalition. Several new businesses were opened in Stoneham during 2016 and the Town also hosted its 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival, which has become a coveted attraction for the Town. The treatment of the catch-basins as part of a town wide mosquito control program will commence again in June due to

expected funding. The purpose behind waiting until June is to ensure the annual winter frost falls within the time frame of protection from the Altosid XR tablets. (150 days) The Board of Health will apply the extended release tablets to a number of catch basin treatments for the warm season to ensure that the town is safe from any mosquito-borne illness, whereas catch basins and standing water are their primary breeding grounds. Moving forward, the Board of Health looks to expand its Pest Control budget to combat the surging rodent population in Town and the surrounding communities

The Animal Control Officer continues to be funded by the Board of Health, and looks to receive additional funding for equipment and trainings in 2017. Public Health changes with the seasons and circumstances making educating the general public of the risks surrounding each circumstance an extremely important aspect of Public Health. The Board of Health maintains an open door policy and encourages all residents and businesses owners' needing assistance to contact the office.

The Health Agent along with the Board of Health proposed *departmental goals* for the upcoming year are as follows:

- Increase the presence and involvement of the Board in the community utilizing the media and on-site education:
- Increase community programming and services;
- Establish sufficient staffing to meet the demands of the department.
- Continue to be proactive in helping new establishments, businesses and property owners within our community:
- Maintain a high standard of safety by promoting the philosophy the Board of Health Mission Statement.
- Expand the department to better serve the needs of the community.

OFFICE ASSISTANTS:

The office assistant maintains databases and prepares all permits, licenses, and accounts payable/receivable for approval. In addition, this position transcribes the minutes of the Board's monthly meetings, and composes correspondence as directed. They also assemble and prepare a variety of reports for the Health Agent, Public Health Nurses and Board as needed.

Ms. Karyn Incatasciato, Office Assistant started with the department in January of 2001 while Ms. Denise Breen started in October of 2000. These positions are responsible for issuing permits and collected \$54,105 in permit fees in 2016.

The compiled total of permits issued by this department in 2016 was 627.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:

Public Health Nursing is population based. Under the Board of Health, the Public Health Nurse cares for the health of the entire community instead of one patient at a time. Public Health Nurses monitor, track and respond to outbreaks for infectious diseases, partnering with daycare centers, nursing homes, medical offices, school nurses and city and state officials. Public Health Nurses and the Board of Health conduct case investigations and mass vaccination clinics to stop the spread of disease, providing community education to help people stay healthy. In addition, Public Health Nurses collaborate with first responders and other municipal departments to help prepare the community for emergencies.

Services provided include but are not limited to:

Blood Pressure Clinics	TB Testing	Health Care Referral
Community Agency Referral	Health Teaching and Education	Physician referral

The Public Health Nurse continues to have an active membership with the Northeast Chapter of Public Health Nurses, MAPHN Assoc. and the MRC (Medical Reserve Corps of MA.)
A collaborative relationship continues with all school nurses.

Blood Pressure at Senior Center:	104
Walk-In Blood Pressure at BOH:	47
Home Visits:	8
TB testing:	59
B12 injections	49
Communicable Illnesses:	157
Immunizations:	35
Total Flu Injections:	609

A collaborative effort continues with Stoneham Police Department regarding the Expired Prescription Drop-Off Box located in the Police Lobby. The Public Health Nurse is part of the School Wellness & Advisory Committee at the High School to develop & implement an annual plan. The Board of Health and the Public Health Nurse continues a working relationship with the Stoneham Independent and the Stoneham Sun providing public service announcements to keep residents informed of health information. A monthly column in the Stoneham Senior Center's Sentinel "Ask A Nurse" is provided by the Public Health Nurse.

The Board of Health also continues to provide internship programs for Emmanuel College, U Mass Boston and Ma College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences nursing students. The Board of Health and the Public Health Nurse are contact persons for the Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition. The Public Health Nurse, updates immunization records for children attending summer camp. The Public Health Nurse continues as the Health Care Consultant for the Purpose School. Monitoring AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators) located at the Town Hall, Library, Senior Center and the Stoneham Arena is also updated by this department. The Public Health Nurse also attends various seminars on immunization updates, surveillance updates, communicable/infectious diseases and vaccine safety and up to date Webinars in order to maintain a high standard of practice and quality assurance.

The Public Health Nurse is a member of the TRIAD council. The term refers to the three founding organizations: AARP, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Sheriffs' Association. The purpose of TRIAD is to build partnerships between senior citizens and law enforcement and to share information on how seniors can avoid becoming victims of crime and enhance the safety and quality of their lives

The Board of Health and the Public Health Nurse took part in the annual Blood Drive sponsored by the American Red Cross.

The Public Health Nurse attends the monthly Public Health Nurse meeting in Tewksbury, the Annual Conference of PHNs and the Annual Adult Immunization Conference.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members: Tom Barry, Chairman
Tim Waitkevitch, Resident
Anthony Wilson, Board of Selectman Delegate
Don Piatt, Town Accountant
Devon Manchester, Finance & Advisory Board Delegate
Dr. Les Olson, Superintendent of Schools
Marie Christie, School Committee Delegate
Tom Younger, Town Administrator

The role of the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee is to study proposed capital projects and improvements involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects that have a useful life of at least 3 years, cost over \$10,000 and are purchased at intervals of not less than 5 years.

All department heads had submitted their anticipated capital needs to the committee.

The committee felt that all departmental requests had merit but anticipated funding is not adequate for all requests. Priorities were given to:

1. Public, or employee safety concerns
2. Potential to increase cost if delayed.
3. Age and condition of items being replaced (or repaired)
4. Regular replacement, or replacement cycles
5. Department Priority

For the October 2016 Town Meeting, the capital committee completed a review of the 1 year capital plan and assembled a comprehensive report including a complete analysis of the towns financial capabilities for Capital investments. The report can be found on the Town's Website.

After the October Town Meeting, the committee met 7 times from October to January. The formalized the capital request process for town departments and rebuilt the capital plan from scratch after meeting with all department heads. A Warrant Article and supporting documentation was submitted to the Board of Selectman on January 21st for the May Town meeting and approval of FY 2018 budget. A separate detailed Capital Committee Report and 5 year plan will be available at Town Meeting and the town website in May.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The primary responsibility of the Stoneham Conservation Commission is to protect and preserve the natural resources and open space of the town including all wetlands through acquisition, management, education, regulations and enforcement. The Commission acts as a liaison between residents and local, state and federal government agencies in protecting the Town's natural resources.

The Conservation Commission's powers and responsibilities are derived from several different sources. Land acquisition and protection derive from the original Conservation Commission Act of 1957, Article 97 of the Massachusetts State Constitution, which gives special protection to municipal lands voted to conservation, and G.L. Ch. 184, which allows the creation of permanent restrictions on land. Regulation of work in and near wetlands derives from the state Wetlands Protection Act of 1972 and from local bylaws and regulations or ordinances authorized under Article 89 of the State Constitution. Other local bylaws, regulations and ordinances and state laws give Commission's authority over additional matters such as erosion, groundwater or earth removal.

- Massachusetts Constitution (Articles 89 and 97)
- Conservation Commission Act (G.L. Ch. 40 §8C)
- Wetlands Protection Act (G. L. Ch. 131 §40)
- Municipal General (Non-Zoning) Wetlands Bylaws/Ordinances
- Community Preservation Act (G.L. Ch. 44B)
- Consultant Fee Provisions (GL. Ch. 44 §53G)
- Conservation Restriction Act (GL. Ch. 184 §§31-33)
- Other Bylaws/Ordinances and Statute

The Stoneham Conservation Commission oversees, in partnership with the Whip Hill Trust and the Town of Stoneham, the management of Whip Hill Park. The park is open year round to the public nature walks. Whip Hill Manor accommodates Conservation Commission meetings and civic group functions which promote conservation related activities and projects throughout the year.

Members in 2016 included Co-chairs Robert Parsons and Ellen McBride, Norman L'Esperance, Megan Day, Herlinda Saitz, Rachel Rennard, George Drugas and Domenick Cimina. Members are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three year terms. Staff to the Conservation Commission includes Sr. Office Assistant Catherine Rooney, Office Assistant Jennifer DeCourcy, and Mr. James Previte, Manager of Whip Hill Park, Conservation

Commission Inspector and Tree Warden for the Town. The Commission has retained the services of Jonathan Witten, Attorney; Ingeborg Hegemann, Senior Vice President, BSC Group; and Robert Griffin, Environmental Specialist Consultant of Griffin Engineering, to provide particular expertise to issues that arise throughout the year.

During the 2016 calendar year the Conservation Commission held 28 meetings, reviewed 9 Notice of Intents, issued 7 Orders of Conditions, issued 5 Certificates of Compliance, had 19 Site Visits and 9 Determinations of Applicability were reviewed.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging:

The mission of the Stoneham Council on Aging is to provide outstanding services with kindness, respect and dignity and to offer outreach services for social, nutritional, medical issues and other unmet needs of Stoneham Seniors.

The Council on Aging is a municipal department of the Town of Stoneham, permitted under Ch. 40, s8B, of the Massachusetts General Laws. The Council on Aging is Stoneham's only public social service agency. Please visit us online at: www.stonehamseniorcenter.org/; or to pick up a copy of *The Stoneham Sentinel* at the Center or at retail locations around town. At your convenience, you will be able to explore the changing services and opportunities now being offered by the Center.

The Council on Aging's Board of Directors role is primarily advisory. We provide assistance, consultation, information and support to Maureen Canova, our Director, in the execution of her duties. We hold neither a managerial nor supervisory position regarding our Director, Senior Center Staff and Volunteers. The Board does have an advocacy role that recognizes, promotes and supports vital and expanding services for our town's senior citizens.

Please come and visit us on the third Tuesday of each month (except July and December). Our meetings are open to all and are held in the first floor conference room at 3PM at the Stoneham Senior Center. Come in and put the "you" into your Senior Center. We are a lively group. Get involved!

From Our Director:

In 2015, there were **1,837** (as compared to 438 in 2004) seniors registered in the Key card system here at the Senior center. Today in 2016 there is currently registered **2,021** seniors in this system. This key card system tracks utilization rates at the Senior center. This translates into roughly a thousand (1,000) seniors a week are participating in program at the Senior Center.

Our programs are also changing to entice and support new interest in the activities we offer and those we envision for the future. We must address the nature of change which is already afoot in the movement of the Boomer population into the senior age group.

Strengthening Our Connections:

TRIAD:

TRIAD is a partnership of three types of organizations; law enforcement, older adults and community groups that was established in 2014. The purpose of this alliance is to pool resources to promote older adult safety thereby reducing the fear of crime experienced by many seniors. Director Maureen Canova and Linda Leis, from the Stoneham Police Domestic Violence Unit, and Middlesex County Sheriff Koutoujian, have continued to strengthen their relationship as the TRIAD Council in Stoneham. Collaborating with Mystic Valley Elder Services, Stoneham Police and Fire Departments, Stoneham Alliance Against Violence, the Stoneham Board of Health and Stoneham citizen volunteers, a group was formed.

In 2016 there were three presentations with TRIAD and we are continuing to strengthen this relationship with TRIAD. The three programs were a Persons at Risk-Safety Net, Take Back Day –taking back old medication done in collaboration with Stoneham Police and the Stoneham Substance Abuse Collation and held a forum for Disposing of

Medications in conjunction with TRIAD and Lahey Health. The final program was the Stoneham Fire department Fire Prevention tips for Stoneham residents.

We have begun collaborating with the Stoneham Fire Department with the “Fire and Fall prevention” program, where presentation are being made at the Senior Center and Senior housing locations followed by friendly home visits. Stoneham has also adopted SMART 911 program through Action Ambulance.

Presentations with the State’s Senior Care Options Providers dually eligible residents was held. These programs are extremely important for those 65+ who are on both Medicare and Medicaid (Masshealth). It is important to target populations with educational programming since many are often undeserved or unaware of resources.

We continue to have available the “File of Life“ which has been sponsored by the Stoneham Fire Department and distributed at events like Town Day and Wellness Fair and is available at the Center. This packet gives first responders the resident’s essential information identifying, doctor, medical issues and hospital. It’s magnetic and is to be placed on the refrigerator for universal access in case of need.

Internships:

The Mass College of Pharmacy and Salem State College clinical interns in nursing provided programs at the Center while advancing their training. The students’ with Mass College of Pharmacy collaborated with the Substance Abuse Coalition to pull together the Take Back Day. These students also participated in Blood Pressure clinics, Blood Glucose clinics and health presentations occurring throughout the year.

Stoneham Housing Authority:

We continued to provide blood pressure clinics in our public housing locations through collaboration with Massachusetts College of Pharmacy’s student clinical practicum program. In continuing our association with these housing facilities, we have identified populations of need which are not being served at their own locations.

We have continued our partnership with Mystic Valley Elder Services, our local Aging Service Access Point (ASAP), and have secured funding (from Town of Stoneham) for one full-time, on-site professional Resident Service Coordinator. MVES has taken the lead in posting position and has started the search. This is an ongoing under recognized group of Stoneham citizens in need of social, nutritional and medical services

Senior to Senior Program:

The Senior to Senior program continues to be very popular. High school seniors receive extra credit for interviewing our experienced citizens, who are eager to share their experiences and wisdom. A picture and write up are printed in the Stoneham Independent. Ed Rosa has been kind enough to keep this program going and work with the students.

Ongoing Programs:

Programs such as Fall Prevention, A Matter of Balance and Diabetes self-management are just a few of the evidence based programs that we continue with MVES. Our Tai Chi for Arthritis program addresses gentle movements to relieve pain while gaining strength, balance and flexibility. Chair yoga offers strengthening and centered stretching exercise for people of all abilities and has tripled in attendance over the year. Zumba and Aerobics classes are refreshing breakaways from the everyday routine. Mindfulness techniques offer re-centering practices to draw us back from the hectic events of life.

The Senior Center’s Walking group continues to grow and is sponsored by Life Care Center of Stoneham. This program also received a grant from the MCOA and pedometers were purchased for all participants to use to track how far they are walking.

The Men’s breakfast and Men’s exercise class had double in attendance this year and will continue to get a lot of interest.

We continue to provide a number of art programs, many free of charge, thanks to the wonderful support of the MELD foundation of Stoneham. (This supports that choral group. Art classes, ARTmatters presentation and entertainment during lunch.)

We continue our collaboration with the Life Care center of Stoneham and the Boys and Girls club to offer Pickleball weekly at the Boys and Girls Club for seniors.

New Back Deck:

The Stoneham Senior Center's back wooden deck has been in need of repair/updating. With the assistance of Larry Means, Town Moderator and representative to Northeast Vocational Technical school, and approval of the Town Finance committee we were able to appropriate funds and a plan for the reconstruction of the back deck using Trek like material. The students from the Voc-Tech began work in December and will continue work their work through the school year.

The Rotary Club of Stoneham:

Stoneham Rotary continues to bring a grand feast and celebration in honor of our volunteers each year and we enjoy and appreciate this wonderful acknowledgement of all their efforts.

Stoneham Bank:

We are always grateful to the Stoneham Bank for their generosity and time. We collaborated with them and began a Money Smart program. The Stoneham Bank was also a sponsor of our Open House this fall which had over 300 visitors to the Senior Center.

Volunteers:

We continue to see a remarkable growth in the number of people who come to the Senior Center to give of their time. We currently have six people volunteering to drive people to medical appointments at surrounding medical offices and hospitals. This generosity has made it possible for our scheduling window to become much more responsive to time needs. It has also enabled us to use the van more effectively for other purposes. The volunteer reading program established by MVES is now in every elementary school in Stoneham and promoted by the Senior Center has met with a wonderful response by our over fifty-five citizens. Bridging the gap of knowledge, experience and comfort with language contributes more intergenerational exposure and ease for children and adults alike to carry into their everyday life.

Socks for Seniors:

For the third year in a row the Stoneham Senior Center spearheaded this collaborative effort.(Stoneham High School and Central Middle School, Town Clerk's office and Stoneham Police and Fire department) This drive's goal is to provide all seniors in need, shut-ins, nursing home residents & elderly housing residents with a warm pair of socks for the holidays.

Working with the Stoneham Housing Authority, Meals on Wheels, Bear Hill nursing Home, Arnold house and Stoneham Food Pantry we delivered socks here in Stoneham to elderly shut-ins and members of our Council on Aging delivered many to our elderly residents in need. In 2014 over 150 pairs of socks were collected and distributed. In 2016, over 350 pairs of socks were distributed.

Town Meeting:

Through the combined efforts of the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectpeople for their continuing efforts in supporting the Senior Center's basic infrastructure and staffing needs. At the May Town Meeting, our two revolving accounts were re-authorized.

The special warrant article that was approved last year at the Town meeting has now come full circle with the RFP going out for a cell tower on top of the barn, with revenues going to the Senior center to cover the costs of the Resident Services coordinator position that is desperately needed.

Open House:

September 2016: We once again were graced with beautiful weather and had a robust turnout of visitors. The Center and the Barn were real magnets for attention and we served over 300 people with hot dogs and good cheer in the course of the day. Visitors left contact information for follow up mailings and some people rewarded our efforts with donations to the Friends. Board members conducted tours of the facility and discussed the wide range of programs available. Our DJ played a wide variety of music and a wonderful time was had by all.

Public Service Offerings:

The Senior Center continues to offer a multitude of public service programs for the residents of Stoneham. A Fall Flu Clinic – through the Stoneham Board of Health, File Of Life through TRIAD and the Stoneham Fire Department, SHINE Counseling (Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone) year-round confidential, unbiased professionally trained and certified volunteer counselors providing assistance with information, questions, problems and issues concerning Medicare, health and prescription services, Annual Hallmark Health Fair with 27 vendors and an outstanding turnout! Also, a Veterans Service department is conveniently located at the Center. Members of the Town of Stoneham Board of Selectman have office hours as well as the State legislators have office hours at the center.

The Senior Center Friends of Stoneham, Inc.:

The Friends is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) federal and state non-profit organization begun in 2010 for the purpose of providing services and activities that enhance the dignity of seniors, support their independence, and encourage their involvement. The Friends help meet the unfunded needs of the Stoneham Senior Center in offering a wide and broadening spectrum of programs to assist, educate, engage and entertain our community's senior citizens.

Friends' funds go to help devise and balance the full scope of our monthly entertainment activities and educational programs. They also assist in fortifying our annual Town allocation for unexpected building maintenance and repairs.

A subcommittee of volunteers oversees the Barn Sale, our giant indoor yard sale, which operates the beginning of May through the beginning of October. This Friends project continues to be an outstanding attraction for the Center and draws many interested treasure hunters. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and the many volunteers, the Senior Center Friends have helped underwrite many programs and events that would otherwise be unavailable, such as technology workshops, health and wellness presentations, entertainment and other educational programs.

Please feel welcome to bolster the Senior Center by participating in Friends programs. Any and all contributions to the Friends group are tax-deductible.

We thank all our kind contributors for their outstanding support of the Stoneham Senior Center and all our senior citizens.

We have enjoyed another fulfilling year of growth and transition at the Senior Center. We stand committed to meeting the changing needs of all our senior citizens. The tenor of our report is to see needs matched by proposed responses. As our account of the projected assistance and interventions we foresee engaging in suggests, we must establish a secure foundation on which to build. Sustainability is the underpinning of any public effort. Without the assurance of a continuing presence in the community, incidental forays into aid become self-defeating if not cynical. It is the intention of the Council on Aging to pursue multiple sources of funding through foundations and grants. We will always rely upon everyone's clear and outspoken vision of our efforts. We will continue to call upon you for your public advice and support. We thank each and every one of you who have organized or attended an event, helped out at the Center, spoken up for us at Town Meeting, donated to the Giving Tree, had lunch with us or just provided support in your own private way. We would be overwhelmed by our tasks without your personal involvement. With your consistent and generous backing we will continue to grow to meet the future needs and challenges of our community.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Cultural Council Members:

Ann McPherson, Chair

Jane DiGangi, Treasurer

Nicole Tammaro, Publicity

Rica Blahnik, Member

Andrea Simmons, Member

Lisa Gallagher, Member

The Stoneham Cultural Council is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program. The largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually. The program promotes the availability of rich cultural experiences for every Massachusetts citizen.

Stoneham's Cultural Council is one of the Councils administered state wide by 2,400 municipally appointed volunteers, the LCC network consists of 329 councils serving all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns. Each year, local councils award more than \$3 million in grants to more than 5,000 cultural programs statewide. These include school field trips, afterschool programs, concerts, festivals, lectures, theater, dance, music, and film. LCC projects take place in schools, community centers, libraries, elder care facilities, town halls, parks, and wherever communities come together.

The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the **Stoneham Cultural Council** will distribute approximately **\$7,000** in grants. Previously funded grantees include educational enrichment in all local schools, the Stoneham Theatre, Boys & Girls Club of Stoneham, the Stoneham Senior Center, the Stoneham Public Library, and many more.

The Stoneham Cultural Council prioritizes funding for:

- Programs that serve broad segments of the community
- Proposals that involve collaboration
- New and diverse programs
- Programs that contribute to the cultural vitality of the community as a whole

Additional Guidelines

Proposed projects must take place after the October deadline, to December 31 of the year following the year of the application deadline (ex: for October 2016 applicants, projects must take place from October 18, 2016 to December 31, 2017).

For information, please contact: **email** stonehamculture@gmail.com or visit: <https://www.mass-culture.org/stoneham>

DISABILITY COMMITTEE

The Disability Committee had a productive year in 2016:

- One new member joined at the beginning of the year
 - William Cameron
- Two members have resigned
 - Howard Porter and Kathleen Balister
 - The Committee gave Howard Porter a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service to the Town.
- Two new members joined at end of year
 - Jae Cho and Erin Alarcon
- The present members and officers of the Committee are
 - William Cameron - Chairman, Treasurer
 - Susan Coughlin – Co-Chair, Secretary
 - Lorna Sauliner – Acting ADA Coordinator, Communications Director.
 - Jae Cho
 - Erin Alarcon
 - Thomas Younger – Town Administrator
- Two members of the Committee attended the Regional Commission on Disability Meeting
William Cameron attended the meeting in Andover.
Lorna Sauliner Attended the meeting in North Attleborough.
- Three members of the Committee attended Community Access Monitor Training (CAM) which was run by Massachusetts Office on Disabilities (MOD) and sponsored by the Framingham Disability Commission.
 - Susan Coughlin, Lorna Sauliner, William Cameron attended.
All three members passed Community Access Training (CAM Training).
- Two members of the Committee attended the Massachusetts Office on Disabilities conference on working while disabled in Worcester. The Committee received 2 Sudoku Touch games for the visually impaired at the Conference. The 2 games are to be donated or raffled off.
 - Susan Coughlin and William Cameron attended the Conference.
- The Committee donated one Sudoku Touch Game to the Senior Center. Maureen Canova accepted the game on behalf of the Senior Center.
 - The Committee held several Question and Answer sessions at the Senior Center. We received several surveys back from the folks at the Senior Center.
- One Sudoku game was raffled off to a Michael Pacchcio.
The committee had tickets at Town Day and if anyone was interested in trying to win a free game to fill out a raffle ticket.
 - Twenty Surveys were received at Town Day.
 - An article appeared in the local news papers.

- The Committee Held elections in July:
 - William Cameron - Chairman, Treasurer
 - Susan Coughlin – Co-Chair, Secretary
 - Lorna Sauliner – Acting American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator, Communications Director.

- The Committee received several complaints about the High School and Library not beginning compliance with the American with Disability Act (ADA).
 - The building permits have been pulled to review the High School and Library.
 - The Chairman had a conversation with School Superintend and school staff will make updates to the school and the Committee will review when updates are completed.

- In October the Committee presented an article to Town Meeting to increase HP violations from \$100 to \$300.
Article passed Town Meeting.

- In November the Committee started a lecture series to inform the public different topics. The first was on avoiding public scams. The office of Consumer Affairs Deputy Director Robin Putnam was the presenter of the event.
 - An article was in the local newspapers about the event.
 - A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Robin Putnam for being the presenter. A collation followed the event.
 - More events are scheduled

- In October the Committee conducted a survey of the Town center.
A Follow up survey was conducted in November.
 - The findings of the surveys are attached.
 - The areas of the survey are Town Hall, municipal lots, library, Town center side-walks.

- The Committee had a table at Town Day
 - It was very successful.
 - We received many surveys and the Town residents were very impressed that we were making a presence at Town Day.

- The Committee helped with seating arrangements at Town Meeting
People with disabilities should sit up front to hear and see the deliberations. Also the PDL's were available for the hearing impaired this helped many people during the meeting.
 - It was truly appreciated by many people who needed the help.

- The Committee shared ideas with the Town Clerk about voting during general elections and will work closely with the Clerk to make progress for people with disabilities.

The Committee would like to extend our heart-felt thanks to the employees of the Town of Stoneham for their help and guidance and the out pouring of support, over the year. Many thanks to the Town Clerk Maria Sagarino and her staff, Debbie Pettengill, the IT department, Tom Younger, the staff at DPW, The Board of Selectman, the Police Department, Larry Means, Town Moderator, Bill Solomon.

Thank you all for your continued support to make Stoneham barrier free and inclusive for all residents of Stoneham.

FARMERS MARKET COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

In 2015, the Town of Stoneham re-introduced the Stoneham Farmers Market to the community. In order to do so, the Board of Selectmen established the *Stoneham Farmers Market Committee*. This committee was tasked with assisting the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator to establish, commence and operate by and through the Town or an entity designated by the Board of Selectmen, a farmers market in Stoneham. Seven members are appointed to the Committee by the Board of Selectmen.

The 2016 Farmers Market Committee Members included:

Julie Boussy
Lauren Murphy
Kristy Sinagra
Kathryn FitzGerald
Leila Pascale
Karen Kelly
Elizabeth Erk
Tammy Golson

MISSION STATEMENT

The Stoneham Farmers Market's mission is to make accessible top quality local produce and farm products, and other local vendor products to the residents of Stoneham and surrounding towns. We strive to showcase the community programs and local organizations within Stoneham, and encourage the values of healthy eating and active lifestyles through children's activities and music. By gathering on the town common each week of the market, the Stoneham Farmers Market consistently works towards fostering a sense of community.

YEAR TWO

We were so happy to be back for a second year of the Farmers Market in Stoneham, held on the Common each Thursday from June through October. We had many returning vendors and some wonderful new ones. Our focus was providing a variety of vendors and attracting community participation. Each week we had a children's activity, local musician and a community table along with fresh produce, meat, pasta, teas, coffee, bread and bakery items. Locating the market on Town Common provided accessibility to all and great use of our common, community space. We are grateful for the Town's support and happy our selected day and time once again complimented the popular Stoneham Summer Concert Series.

Our goal to support local and neighboring farmers and businesses while making local products accessible to our community was again far exceeded. We were able to showcase a variety of produce and other well curated creations each week. We also provided a variety of activities and music during the market promoting local musicians, which ultimately drew added attention to all that Stoneham-area businesses and organizations have to offer.

VENDORS

The Stoneham Farmers Market Committee reached out to local farms and vendors to ensure a wide variety of offerings at the market. A top requirement included that the products being sold were local. 100% local is defined as "Massachusetts and any contiguous state. Products shall be 100% vendor grown and produced meaning that all products

offered for sale by the vendor must be grown and produced by that vendor or other local/affiliated farm, and not by a supply farmer or from any other source." We are proud of the quality and variety of the vendors we brought to market in 2016. We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of Gaouette Farm, Flats Mentor Farm, Arrowhead Farm, Swiss Bakers, Rett's Home Baked Goodies and Pour Man's Coffee for donating unsold items to the Stoneham Food Pantry each week.

The 2016 list of vendors:

Arrowhead Farm
Carolyn's Farm Kitchen
Coastal Vineyards
Copperdome
Deano's Pasta
Flats Mentor Farm
Foxboro Cheese
Gaouette Farm
Granny's Place
Hancock Dairy Farm
Healthy Express
Jaju Pierogi
Jennifer's Soaps
Melissa's Honey Pot
Nashoba Learning Group
Pourman's Coffee
Red Heat Tavern
Rett's Home Baked Goodies
Roberto's Seafood
Roma's Bakery
Sugar River Farm
Swiss Baker
Tea is the Way
Top Shelf Cookie

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Stoneham Farmers Market is a great way to demonstrate the wonderful sense of community in Stoneham. Organizations in Stoneham were approached with the offer of having a dedicated table at the market to promote their cause. Participants offered activities that are informative and interactive for market customers and children.

The 2016 list of participating community organizations:

Elementary Schools PTO
Fire Station 100th Ann. Committee
Friends of the Fells
Friends of the Library
Fuller House
SAAV
SPAPAC

Stone Zoo
Stoneham Arts & Crafts Society
Stoneham Boys and Girls Club
Stoneham Drug Coalition
Stoneham Garden Club
Stoneham Open Space and Recreation
Stoneham Senior Center
Stoneham Theatre
Stoneham YMCA
Veteran's Day Memorial Run Committee

MUSICIANS

In an effort to bring joy and excitement to the market, the Stoneham Farmers Market Committee commissioned musicians to play during the market. Some musicians required a minimal fee to perform, many musicians offered their services for free*, for which we were grateful.

The 2016 list of participating musicians:

Don Borchelt*
Ed Grammer*
Henry McIntyre
Julie Dougherty
Kenny Selcer
Michael Maloney
Molly Pinto
Scott Damgaard
Timothy Maxwell

ACTIVITIES

The Stoneham Farmers Market understands the importance to giving back to the community and fostering the creativity in children. Each week, there was an interactive activity for children to enjoy at the market. Thank you to those* who donated the activity for the children.

The 2016 list of children's activities:

Big Joe Storytelling
Cooking with Joe Gatto*
Curious Creatures
Heidi Russo - Re/Max - kids crafts*
Jr. Rotary Club Crafts*
Kidcasso Art*
Kids Cooking Green
Kidzfun – Summer Olympics
Little Elephant Yoga
Music and Movement with Mr. Darren
Music Together with Joyful Music
Stone Zoo* -
Stoneham Library*
Stoneham Rec Department*
Wiggles and Giggles

ARTISTS

The Town of Stoneham is fortunate to have local artists willing to share their work and crafts at the market. Adding this type of vendor further supports a sense of community and pride. A special thanks to Howard Porter* for designing the Stoneham Farmers Market logo, which graces the cover of this report and all of our promotional items and literature.

The 2016 list of participating artists:

Carolyn Smith
Howie Porter*
Jean Gargano
Kelly Zamarian
Lisa McCarthy
Nancy Pollinzano
Sandy Kirby
Tamara Lord

SPONSORS

The Stoneham Farmers Market could not survive without support from the businesses in the community. The generosity of these businesses confirms the commitment they have to the Town and its residents. Supporting the market enables both children and adults in our town to enjoy music, crafts and access to farm-fresh products while enjoying the gem of our town, the Town Common. The Stoneham Farmers Market Committee offered three levels of sponsorship in 2016. Harvest (lead sponsor) for \$1,000, Sprouts for \$500 and Seeds for \$100. These donations enabled crafts, music, and funded other administrative expenses for operating a farmers market. Two sponsors promoted our market each week on their billboards at no charge. Doucet Design* sponsored a fundraiser for the market in March of this year providing a solid foundation for the market to begin its second season. The proceeds from the fundraiser enabled the market to purchase 10 banners that adorned Main Street throughout the market season. We will be able to use these banners each year. A huge shout out and THANK YOU to Doucet Design and to all of our sponsors!

The 2016 list of sponsors:

Harvest:

Stoneham Bank

Sprouts:

Commonwealth Pediatrics
The Arbors of Stoneham
AFC Urgent Care Stoneham

Seeds:

Body Mind Systems
Boston Solar
British Swim School
Doucet Design*
Dr. Mickey
Heidi Russo - Re/Max
Re/Max Andrew Realty
RevoluSun

Salem Five
Stephanie Ann Photography

Free Billboard Advertising:
Clear Channel

Other Donations:
Stoneham Garden Club
Marcia Wengen

VOLUNTEERS

In a true sense of community, many Stoneham residents and others step up and help make these incredible community opportunities happen. It takes many hands to set up and take down the market each week. Our vendors were greatly appreciative of the help we provided each week. We would like to recognize and thank our volunteers who help make the farmers market successful this past year.

The 2016 list of volunteers:

Jennifer Goldenberg
Cindy Hemenway
Irene Kamikazi
Stephen Kelly
Evan Kotowski
Brianna Merchant
Jennifer Nguyen
Dylan Oesch-Emmel
Bevin Waldman

WINTER MARKET

The Stoneham Farmers Market piloted a winter market on Sunday, November 20, 2016 to provide the residents of the Town of Stoneham and surrounding communities with an opportunity to purchase produce, dairy, pasta, meats, fish, bread and pastries for the upcoming holiday season. It also provided local artisans with an opportunity to sell their wares as the gift-giving season approaches. Music was provided by Don Borchelt at no charge and Joe Gatto provided an encore presentation of his cooking demonstration. Stoneham Farmers Market provided a craft table and face painting for children via the Playful Palette. The Stoneham Girls Scouts volunteered their help and Clear Channel and Stoneham TV provided advertising at no charge. The day exceeded expectations and a wonderful time was had by all.

The following vendors participated in the winter market:

Arrowhead Farm
Debbie Sullivan - Craft
Carolyn's Farm Kitchen
Cinnamon Shack
Deano's Pasta
Foxboro Cheese
Fringe on Main
Gaouette Farm
Home Grown Custom Signs
James Rider Red's Best Fish
Jazz it Up
Melissa's Honey Pot
Nancy Palazzolo - Jewelry
Purple Carrot - Bakery
Rett's Home Baked Goodies
Sugar River Farm - Meat

Swiss Baker
Tea is the Way
Julia Cook's Pies
Top Shelf Cookies

FARM BUCKS RAFFLE

As a part of a marketing campaign, the Market introduced a "Farm Bucks" weekly raffle for 16 weeks of the market. This free raffle of \$25 worth of Farm Buck brought fun and excitement to the market. Winners could spend their bucks like cash at any of the vendors during the market season. All but \$20 in Farm Bucks were redeemed by the end of season. The Stoneham Farmers Market purchased cookies and apples with the unclaimed bucks and donated them to the Stoneham Police Department as a thank you for their service to our community.

The intent of the raffle was to use the submitted tickets to understand who was coming to the market, encourage return visits, and infuse money back into the market to the vendors who paid weekly for their table space. The weekly entries provided us with information including where people were from and how they heard about the market. Most entries were from Stoneham, however we did have many visitors from Woburn, Reading, Wilmington and other surrounding towns. We also had visitors from North Carolina and New Hampshire! Our signage and Facebook were the most common responses to "How did you hear about us?"

Congratulations to the 2016 Farm Bucks winners:

Allen Blackington
Donna Paradiso
Rubina Rana
Jen Gray
Carol Schweiger
Nancy Dunham
Bill Souther
Ashley Procum
Jan Merlino
Dolly Wilson
Juliet Cinalli
Kristin Tarbell
Katie Aberbach
Nastassia Yezubchuk
Marion Schweiger
Michelle Magliozzi

2016 FINANCIALS

2016 Fundraiser

<i>Income:</i>	\$1,955.00
<i>Expenses:</i>	\$ 161.62
<i>Profit/Loss:</i>	\$1,793.38

2016 Farmers Market

<i>Income:</i>	
Sponsors	\$4,025.00
Vendors	\$4,770.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$8,795.00</u>

<i>Expenses:</i>	
Musicians	\$1,200.00
Children's activities	\$1,345.44

Advertising	\$1,295.63
Marketing	\$3,924.94
Supplies	\$ 415.72
Membership/MFMA	\$ 120.00
Total:	<u>\$8,301.73</u>

2016 Balance: **\$2,286.65**

2016 Winter Market

<i>Income:</i>	\$ 340.00
<i>Expenses:</i>	\$ 405.61
<i>Profit/Loss:</i>	(\$ 65.61)

TOTAL 2016 BALANCE: **\$2,221.04**

Prepared by: Karen Kelly, Stoneham Farmers Market Committee, Treasurer 11.22.16

FINANCE AND ADVISORY BOARD

The Finance and Advisory Board is an independent committee of the town, with the primary role of recommending the annual personnel, revenue sources, operating and capital budget to the voters, monitor expenditures and other municipal affairs; and make recommendations to the town, and any town board, officer or committee on relevant matters.

The Board works with town departments to review their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year and meets throughout the year and makes recommendations on a wide range of issues. The Board consists of eleven volunteer members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. If anyone is interested in serving as a volunteer on the board, please contact the Town Moderator.

As an ongoing commitment to the citizens of Stoneham, the members of the Finance and Advisory Board are working towards creating a more transparent fiscal and budgeting process within the town.

In FY17, the Finance and Advisory Board accomplished the following tasks/goals:

- Reinstated establishment of the Audit Committee who meets with the Town's CPA firm to ensure that departmental reviews are performed and management issues are addressed and completed
- Town Administrator Search Committee was represented by the Finance Board
- Assisted the Historical Committee with securing funding through the annual budget to paint the Fire Station
- Analyzed Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund expenditures to highlight overstatement of water & sewer rates to fund 65% of DPW payroll. Analysis resulted in the lowering of rates and reallocation of DPW payroll expense back to the General Fund and off of the water & sewer bills which is being addressed
- Worked with the Collins Center to improve the Finance and Advisory Board's process in the Annual Budget Presentation
- Tri-Board Meetings reconvened with Board of Selectmen and School Committee to open lines of communication and explore financing options to fund a new high school and other capital needs

Finance and Advisory Board meetings are generally held once a month, but during the budgetary review cycle building up to Town Meeting, it meets more frequently. Meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend them or watch them on Stoneham TV, ask questions, and to feel free to contact any of the Board members with questions, concerns or comments.

Submitted by: Patricia Walsh, Chairman

FIRE STATION/STONEHAM GIRL SCOUTS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

In the spring of 1916, the Town of Stoneham formally broke ground for what would become the first centrally located Fire and Police Station on Central Street. Prior to 1916, fire apparatus was kept in various buildings throughout town, including a hose house located in Farm Hill and the basement of Town Hall. Since its opening, the Fire Station has been home to more than 146 fire fighters, men and women who ensure that our community is protected all day, every day. The 9 AM and 9 PM horns are a touchstone for all of us who have lived within the range of its sound and many still remember the blasts signaling first, second and more alarms and checking the list to discover where the fire trucks were headed.

Enter the Stoneham Square Neighborhood Group (SSNG), which is an independent group of citizens inspired by the recommendations of the Stoneham Square Strategic Action Plan. That December 2015 Plan is the town's five-year plan to make Stoneham Square work better for residents, visitors and businesses. In the fall of 2015, SSNG member Marcia M. Wengen, speaking on behalf of the Historical Commission, suggested a celebration for the 100th anniversary of the Fire Station. It didn't take much to convince the SSNG that a town wide event would be one important step in the revitalization of Stoneham Square.

SSNG members Tara Lawler and Marcia M. Wengen subsequently approached Fire Chief Joe Rolli about a Centennial event and he promptly volunteered Lt. John Galla, then Capt. Matt Grafton, FF Mike Labriola, Capt. Jim "Jake" Marshall and FF Jim "Junior" McLaughlin to join the 'fun'. Without question, their enthusiasm and excitement gave the Committee direction; their individual efforts to create Challenge Coins, T-shirts and promote them on social media provided much needed funds to kick start the project. The coup was a presentation to the Rotary Club of Stoneham by newly promoted Chief Grafton and Captain Jim Marshall. Club members Sharon Iovanni, Dave Gardner and Ralph Barile, Jr. immediately saw the significance of this project and offered their expertise. As the all-volunteer Committee began to grow, Marcia and Tara agreed to become co-chairs, other volunteers emerged, the planning, promotion and fundraising ramped up. The response was immediate and amazing and before long, the dreams for a true celebration were becoming a reality.

State Representative Michael S. Day worked alongside the volunteers to identify parade participants from the State Police and Middlesex County Sheriff's Office. Rep Day saw the wisdom in Capt. Jake Marshall's interest in bringing the 9/11 NEVER FORGET MEMORIAL EXHIBIT to our event and, as it turns out, to Massachusetts for the very first time. Day was able to secure Lahey Medical Center as the underwriter for this event. It seems that former Stoneham firefighter Michael Murphy, now retired Chief of the Wayland Fire Department, knows every retiree and they will be well represented in our Centennial parade.

And as the funding began to fall into place, so too, offers of help began arriving. First and foremost, Maureen Buckley, who was representing the Stoneham Girl Scout organization, which is also celebrating its 100th Anniversary in Stoneham in 2016, offered to coordinate the parade and volunteered her troops to help with activities planned for the day. Without Maureen's knowledge and wisdom, the amazing parade the committee hoped to present would not have happened.

Thanks to Anthony Guardia and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Stoneham and Wakefield, the committee formalized its plan to have kids' activities on the Town Common following the parade, partnering with Stoneham Girl Scouts to ensure that along with the antique apparatus display, food vendors, photos with Sparky the Fire Dog and Fire Fighter "Marty" and a commemorative ceremony, youngsters would have a good time and learn a bit of Stoneham's history.

Without the guidance of David Gardner of Boyds Direct, the committee's printing needs would have been cost-prohibitive and not anywhere as professional as the result. Dave guided the committee through the process of designing and financing this Commemorative Book, banners, signs, letters and fliers.

The committee owes a debt of gratitude to Ann Burnham, the Fire Department Office Manager, who worked with the committee on so many levels and put up with countless meetings in her work space, and graciously agreed to share the plaster statue known as "Fire Fighter Marty" for the festivities.

The committee is grateful to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this celebration including:

- the sponsors and donors, who appear on a list in this book and who provided the resources to cover the costs such a celebration requires,
- the Stoneham Board of Selectmen, the Stoneham Police Chief and his department, the Stoneham Department of Public Works Director and his crew, the Stoneham Fire Auxiliary and Chief Rick Hastings,
- Co-Chairs Marcia Wengen and Tara Lawler who worked untiringly on every aspect of this celebration - creating, selling, editing, encouraging and asking – without hesitation,
- the many vendors who agreed to participate in the festivities after the parade,
- the very generous efforts of Ron von Essen of Tennessee and New Hampshire's Goffstown Fire and Rescue who brought their antique engines, formerly owned by the Town of Stoneham Fire Service, to participate in the parade,
- the many local Police and Fire Departments who offered vehicles, back up support and escort both in the days leading up to the event and on event day itself,
- the Steven Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which brought the 9/11 NEVER FORGET MOBILE EXHIBIT to Stoneham in its very first visit to Massachusetts,
- John Guilfoil Public Relations for volunteering to be the committee's Media services,
- Everyone who purchased a t-shirt or Challenge Coin in support of the committee's efforts or just made a donation,
- Filis Warren and Sheila Foley whose artwork has graced so many of the pieces used in the fundraising and media campaign for this celebration,

On behalf of all those who have helped to bring this celebration to fruition, we hope that you will enjoy the day and learn a little bit about this beautiful piece of Stoneham's history.

~Sharon Iovanni and Marcia M. Wengen

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Who We Are

- Our Stoneham Historical Commission was established thirty-nine years ago under Massachusetts General Law (Chapter 40, Section 8D). Our mission is to preserve, protect and develop historical and archaeological assets that are significant to the Town.
- Seven members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen to three year terms. At the end of 2016 we had five members: Marcia M. Wengen, Co-Chair & Secretary; Joan Quigley, Treasurer; Dolly Wilson, Co-Chair; Margaret Zoladkowski and Hillary Fotino. Joanne DiMambro is an alternate. We have two vacant seats. Meetings are held monthly except in July and August.

Retirement of Stephen E. Rotondi

- After 27 years of service to the Historical Commission, Steve retired effective April 30th. He is pleased to have participated in the creation of two National Register Historical sites (Nobility Hill and Central Square) as well as our Annual Heritage Award. We thank him for his service.

Sharing Our Message

- Col. J. Parker Gould's Marker ~ As part of an ongoing effort to recognize Stonehamite and Civil War Col. J. Parker Gould, the Commission is working on a historical marker for Lindenwood Cemetery to commemorate Gould, who died in 1864 of wounds from the Battle of Petersburg. Col. Gould's gravestone was professionally cleaned and restored in 2015 as part of the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. After much research, two carte de visite images of Gould, one as a major and one as colonel, were located at the US Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, PA. Look for a dedication ceremony of the marker in 2017.
- Social Media ~ The Historical Commission is undertaking more forays into the social media world, such as our campaign to help save the Bucknam House – 53 Summer St.. (See below). We urge you to “like” us on Facebook for updates on activities and town history. (<https://www.facebook.com/StonehamHistComm>)

During May, as part of national Historic Preservation month, we had a hashtag project ([#thisplacematters](#) [#stonehamHistCom](#)) as part of the national “This Place Matters” campaign that encourages people to post photos of themselves at favorite historic places on social media and write briefly about why that place matters to them. The campaign helps bring awareness of the importance of our historic landscape to our civic life and communities. You can see many of the photos on our Facebook page.

- Historic Preservation Month ~ Other activities for Historic Preservation month (May) included:
 - Joint Meeting Lecture ~ Thanks to Salem State University professor Bethany Jay, who gave a fantastic lecture on "The Problems of Patriotism: Massachusetts Women in the Civil War" about the differing roles of women in the North and the South during the US Civil War at the May 12 joint meeting of the Stoneham Historical Commission and the Stoneham Historical Society.
 - OBG Open Day ~ We held an Open Day of the 1726 Old Burying Ground (STN.800) on Pleasant Street on May 15, complete with tours and several historical reenactors portraying citizens from Stoneham's past. Many thanks to our reenactors Sheila Foley, Gail Hamel, & Clare Hurley, who did an amazing job portraying Revolutionary War fife major William Wilson, minister's wife Abigail Cleaveland and Civil War nurse Hannah Bray, respectively. Thanks also to tour guides Joan Quigley and Dolly Wilson and other volunteers.
 - Walking Tour ~ Dolly Wilson led a walking tour of downtown Stoneham on May 21, visiting sites from Stoneham's colonial and industrial past. Do you know where the car factory was? If not, we also have just launched an online tour of Stoneham history in the downtown area. Visit <http://www.explorestoneham.com/historical-walk.html>
 - Heritage Award ~ Since 1992 the Commission has given an annual Heritage Award for “exceptional contributions to preservation and awareness of Stoneham's historical legacy” to a local citizen, organization or business. This year, we were pleased to honor our retiring member Stephen E. Rotondi for his 27 years of service to the Commission.
- Halloween Stroll ~ We had an additional Open Day for the Old Burying Ground in October as part of the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce annual Halloween stroll. Visitors got a another chance to stroll the grounds of the OBG, the last remnant of the original town center, take a tour, hear ghost stories, and of course, enjoy candy. Again thanks to the volunteers who helped with setup.
- Post Card Project ~ Members of the Commission are currently undertaking a project to scan and catalog historic postcards of Stoneham from the collection of Mr. Arthur Bennett. Thanks to Mr. Bennett for generously allowing us access to digitize this valuable historical resource. Once cataloged, the images will be available online as part of the NOBLE (North of Boston Library Exchange) Digital Heritage site, and many of the cards will be on display at the Stoneham Public Library.

- Historical Articles ~ New member Hillary Fotino's article titled "The Founding of Stoneham" was published in the Stoneham Independent of December 22. More articles are planned for 2017.
- Historic House Marker Program ~ The Commission's Historic House Marker program continues to make progress. Markers were distributed to 18 Chestnut Street (1898), 49 Lindenwood Road (1915) and 181 Central Street (c. 1896). This brings our total to thirty-six markers, although more are in the works currently. More information is available on the Historical Commission section of the Town website.

Historic Properties

There are a number of historic properties that required our attention or are worthy of mention. If any are listed in the Massachusetts Cultural Resources Information System (MACRIS) their "STN" identification number is included.

- 53 Summer Street (STN.121) The Bucknam House is listed in MACRIS with a built date of 1815, placing it in the top 5% of oldest Stoneham houses in MACRIS. Owner Tom Anderson worked with us, the Zoning Board and the Planning Board to relocate the house approximately 30 feet closer to Summer St and add an architecturally sympathetic addition. Sadly the removal of plaster walls during renovation uncovered badly burned beams that resulted in the house being condemned and subsequently demolished.
- 136 Elm Street (STN.63) ~ Verizon is contracting with the Town to place cell phone antenna in the cupola of the 1917 barn. The Historical Commission worked with Verizon to minimize the visual look of the 13 foot cupola that will replace the existing 4 foot cupola.
- Weiss Farm 170 Franklin St (STN.16) ~ A letter dated March 21 was sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals requesting \$95,000 from the Corcoran Company to document three centuries of agricultural use of the land at Weiss Farm. The funds were for research and the creation of a memory wall in the proposed clubhouse of "The Commons at Weiss Farm." The Zoning Board did not include the request in their April decision.
- 612 Main St - Childhood home of Lt. Col. William Buckley ~ After being approached by the owner regarding demolishing the house, our architectural salvager, Nor'east Architectural Antiques in South Hampton NH, was interested in reclaiming the yellow pine wood on the first and second floors. However, the owner decided not to demolish it, and it is on the market again.
- 21 Collincote St (STN .255) ~ Historical Commission voted to support the adaptive reuse of the ca. 1880 barn as an accessory dwelling for a family member. The Zoning Board waived the bylaw requiring the accessory dwelling to share at least 75% of one wall with the main house. The Planning Board approved the site plan for 728 sq. feet.
- Dow Block at 3-6 Central Square. (STN.37) ~ The Commission was able to leverage T-Mobile's request for replacement antenna in two existing faux chimneys by requiring them to remove the external cable tray from the north side of the building and fill the screw holes appropriately. The east facing faux chimney appears to be too short for the new taller antenna and the HC will require redesign when the next request is made.
- Boston Regional Medical Center at 5 Woodland Road ~ T-Mobile's request to upgrade cell phone antenna on this vacant building was put on hold as the vendor was unaware of its eventual demolition.
- Fire Station (STN.36) ~ The painting of the building's outside galvanized metal trim began in June and was completed long before the Centennial events on October 1. Routine maintenance of the building is required by the permanent preservation restriction granted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission at Town Meeting of May 7 and 10, 2007 (Article #28). Currently Action Ambulance is planning a replacement for a garage door in the ell that houses the ambulance service to better insulate it in cold weather. The new door will be more historically sympathetic than the current metal door added during a previous renovation to original side garage. They are also interested repainting the living/sleeping quarters to match the color schemes on the second floor of the Fire Department half repainted at the time of the 2008 renovation.
- First Baptist Church 457 Main St. (STN.27) ~ Historical Commission members consulted with architect hired to plan handicap access to the north side of building from the rear parking lot. Request was made to NOT attach the ramp and railing to the façade of the building.

"Historic preservation makes sense in large measure because historic preservation makes dollars and cents, but also saves dollars and cents. Historic preservation is a rational and effective economic response to overconsumption. To make a new brick today to build a building on a site where there is already a building standing steals from two generations. It steals from the generation that built the brick originally by throwing away their asset before its work is

done, and it steals from the future generation by using increasingly scarce natural resources today that should have been saved for tomorrow. Donovan Rykema, The Economics of Rehabilitation [1997]

Submitted by Dolly Wilson and Marcia M. Wengen, Co-Chairs

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It is very significant that the Stoneham Historical Society is housed in a beautiful historic building at 36 William Street. The 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that has existed since 1922 with the tag-line of “Pride in our past; Faith in our future” is using a facility that once reflected a different kind of pride and faith.....in our American soldiers.

The group actually maintains two historic structures at 36 William Street. The first is recognizable as a large, distinct stone building. Per the information in the archives, it was constructed in 1910 by Oliver H. Marston and used as a factory for light manufacturing of folding the paper for measured Seiditz Powders (a medicine for indigestion). In 1942, after the building had stood idle for several years, the Spanish American War Veterans of “Leon E. Warren, Camp #31”, purchased the building for their headquarters. As indicated on the bronze plaque near the front door, the group was chartered in 1903. For 16 years, the veterans and also their women’s group, “Mary Scarlett Auxillary” met at the “Hall”. In May of 1958, these two organizations deeded the building to the Stoneham Historical Society. The group had been meeting previously in the (then) High School Library (the brick school building still in use across the street) and in the “new” portion of the Public Library. The Society’s activities were placed on the “back burner” during WW II but became “revitalized” in 1957 and leased the Spanish American War Veterans Hall for its meetings and organized a “Treasure Room” on the second floor to showcase items donated to the collection. Since the relationship began many years ago and to this day, the Society is forever grateful and indebted to those generous and thoughtful veterans for providing us with such an outstanding “home”.

The second historic structure is a small “Ten Footer” beside the other. During the summer of 1957, the “Peter Doucette Shoe Shop” was moved from Pine Street to its current location. Outfitted to represent the many ten footers, which once dotted Stoneham’s landscape, it was first opened to the public on May 24, 1968. It is a building where shoemakers once worked and sold shoes prior to large scale industrialization. It now serves as a reminder of Stoneham’s historic shoe making industry which earned us the nickname of “Shoe Town”. This Ten Footer became the Society’s logo and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in April of 1984.

Our mission is to study the history of the Town of Stoneham; collect and preserve articles of historic interest pertaining to the town; and to maintain an Historical Library and Museum and share this information with current and future stakeholders.

Our museum collection includes many unique artifacts, documents, newspapers and thousands of photographs relating to Stoneham’s rich historical legacy. We appreciate the many generous donations from local institutions and private citizens. We encourage those who are interested in seeing the collection to visit during Open House days, become a member or contact us for a tour. We urge people with potential items for donation to reach out to us.

Our volunteer Board of Directors is elected by the members to serve for 2-years. The 2016-2017 Officers are: President – Paulene (Bee) Russo; 1st VP – Donna Weiss; 2nd VP and Social Media – Stephen Rotondi; Secretary – Faith H.Jenkins; Treasurer – Robert (Bob) VanTichelt and appointments: Curator – Mary K. Marchant; 3rd Grade School Program – Linda Secondini.

We offer a variety of programs and events which are open to the general public as well as Members Only opportunities. Membership is open to individuals and businesses on an annual basis for a modest donation. Each spring, after completing a curriculum unit on the history of Stoneham, the 3rd Graders from the town’s public and private elementary schools tour the museum for a brief presentation guided by many devoted volunteers. Each departs with a keepsake “Coloring Book History” of Stoneham and hopefully a better connection to their community of yesteryear.

During 2016, the following occurred:

March 10th: Kenneth Turino, former resident and now Manager of Community Engagement & Exhibitions for Historic New England, lead a vibrant discussion about Boston's Market District and Haymarket. He narrated a power point presentation of poignant and captivating black and white images documenting the dramatic transformation of the area and its residents, businesses, students and tourists.

April 3rd - Annual Antique Appraisal Fundraiser. In the manner of the popular PBS TV series, a professional appraiser from Kaminski Auctioneers/Beverly offered commentary and value on items presented by guests.

14th -Historian, Richard Kollen and author of "Patriot Parson of Lexington, MA" enlightened the group about the involvement of Reverend Jonas Clarke who received the warning from Paul Revere on April 18, 1775 helped shape the spirit of the American Revolution.

30th – Annual Research Day and Open House – visitors enjoy exhibits and delve into the history of their homes using research materials available.

May 12th : Joint meeting with the Historical Commission to commemorate Preservation Month – featured speaker, Dr. Bethany Jay's program about "Massachusetts Women & the Civil War". Introduction of newly hired part-time Executive Director, Melissa Davidson-Kyle to assist with short & long range planning for the

15th – Open House in conjunction with Historical Commission Tours of the Olde Burying Ground.

18th – Member/Guest Field Trip: Waltham Lyman Estate & Greenhouse Tour.

September: Informational Booth at Town Day

October 13th: Former Fire Chief Ray Sorenson discusses his new book, "Stoneham's Great Fires and Tragic Events 1806-2016 and October 27th – Open House

November 10th: Member/Guest Harvest Delights Social followed by Megan MacNeil of Historic New England discussing "The Lost Art of Etiquette"

We continue to strive to offer programs, speakers and events of broad interest to the community at large. We both greatly appreciate and need the support of our Town officials and the general public. New members, new ideas and new energy are always welcomed. Please contact the Society via our website @ www.stonehamhistoricalsociety.net or via mail or at a meeting. Consider volunteering to ensure the viability of the organization for future generations.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Parade Committee: Jim Devlin – Veterans Agent, Maureen Buckley Chairman, Kevin Cantwell, Vice Chairman, Jim Lamb, Jay Humphrey, Mike Doucette, Frank Geary, Cameron Bain, George Parsons. Veterans Day also included Frank Zhu.

Veterans Day Road Race Committee : Jim Devlin, Maureen Buckley – co chairs, Megan Day, Race Director, Bill McCabe, State Rep Mike Day.

The Memorial Day Parade Committee is a volunteer organization, that's purpose is to coordinate the activities involved in remembering our veterans on both Memorial Day and Veterans Day, to thank them for their sacrifice of service to our country.

Each year in preparation for Memorial Day, the committee coordinates the flag decoration of almost 3000 veterans flags in our 3 Stoneham Cemeteries (Lindenwood, St Patrick, and the Old Burial Ground, along with Puritan Lawn Cemetery in Peabody). This is accomplished with help from the Legion Post #115, VFW Post #620 , local Boy Scouts, Cub scouts and Girls Scouts along with other dedicated members of the community. This year almost 3000 flags were placed.

In the weeks before Memorial Day, all 15 Street Corner monuments , and other monuments around town are decorated with flags and wreaths. Veterans attend the wonderful Memorial Day Programs at our local elementary schools, where they are recognized.

We continued with our veterans walking stick program this year , offering a stick to any veteran who participates in the parade. Program sponsored by the Rotary. We also had a float contest, that hopefully will be more successful in years to come , as the rain this year. impacted participants.

The parade was led off by our Police Chief McIntyre. Our Parade Marshal this year was Robert Johnston, 94, a marine veteran who fought at Iwo Jima in World War II. Riding in a convertible donated by Stoneham Ford, Bob was wearing his uniform, that still fit! For the first time in many years, it poured this year on Memorial Day. The parade was not canceled, but many bands and walking units were unable to participate. We did have a good showing of veterans riding in the trolley sponsored by Stoneham Bank, and National Guard units riding in jeeps and on fire trucks. In the second Stoneham Ford Convertible , were VFW Post #620 Commander James White, and Legion Post #115 Commander Charles Greenleaf. Other participants that braved the rain were Stoneham Softball, Stoneham Little League, Kevin Barry Pipe Band, Veterans Trolley, walking veterans, POW float, two Stoneham Girl Scout floats, Stoneham Girl Scouts, Stoneham Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Army National Guard, Blue Knights Motorcycle Unit.

A ceremony was held afterward at Town Hall inside the auditorium. Music was provided by the Natick Legion Band, sound by Spinner Music productions. MC was Dave Gardner, Invocation and benediction were done by Rev Micheel Pierre-Vilmont United Methodist Church. Special performance of Hallelujah and America the Beautiful by Elliot Spence, Music is Art Agency. Guest Speakers were Sen Jason Lewis, Stat Rep Michael Day, Caroline Colarusso, Women in the Military presentation, Faith Monahan, Patriots pen winner, Sarah Cantwell, Voices of Democracy winner, and Post #115 along with Scouts were color guard. Logans Orders was read by Jen Drohan and Taylor Schon.

Veterans Day Ceremony and Memorial 5K Run and Walk - November 11, 2016

The Town of Stoneham held its annual Veterans Day program in the Town Hall Auditorium, starting at 10:30a.m., on Friday, November 11, 2016.

The Stoneham High School Band, led by Len Simboski, provided patriotic and inspirational numbers during the event. Participants include Master of Ceremonies Dave Gardner, dignitaries Senator Jason Lewis, State Rep Michael Day. Selectman Chair Ann Marie O'Neill gave the greetings from the Town. Our honored veteran this year was Dick Trenholm, with Stoneham representatives from the military Leslie Sousa, and Patricia Lopresti,. Navy Chaplain Kristy Hodson gave the invocation , VFW Post #620, American Legion Post #115 color guard, , Stoneham Girl Scouts, Boy Scout Troop 513, Cub Scout Pack 540 color guards, Veterans Agent Jim Devlin. Veteran pins were given out to every veteran in attendance as we recited the Pledge of Allegience..

The Veterans Day Memorial 5K Run/Walk (a USATF certified course) was offered again this year, as part of the Town of Stoneham's Veterans Day Ceremony. The race began at 11:30am directly following the ceremony, as a way for the community to come together to honor and support the men and women of our military and their families. All race proceeds went to Helping Our Troops, The Skate for the 22 Foundation and local veterans services in and around Stoneham. Thanks to generous sponsors, there are several registrations available for active duty military members and veterans at no cost. We had more in attendance at both the Veterans Day Ceremony and the race this year. The weather was cool and dry for the race.

STONEHAM SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

In 2013, the Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition (SSAC) formed in an effort to address the epidemic of drug and alcohol abuse in our community. SSAC aims to promote drug and alcohol awareness and drug and alcohol abuse prevention. The Coalition may be reached at Stonehamsac@gmail.com, on Facebook or on the website at <https://stonehamsac.com/>

Its goals are three: 1) to ensure ease of access to resources available to individuals and families struggling with drug and alcohol abuse, 2) to identify resources and implement programs within the town to help reduce and prevent the growing issue of drug and alcohol abuse, and 3) to identify policies at both the state and national level that we can support to help communities deal with the epidemic of substance abuse.

SSAC held many successful events in 2016 on prevention, education and awareness. These events included a screening of the film “If Only” and panel discussion with James Wahlberg at the Stoneham Theatre, presented the “Hidden in Plain Sight” display at District Attorney Ryan’s back to school event, held a community mental health discussion with the Department of Mental Health and Rep. Michael Day at the Congregational Church, members spoke at the Congregational church services, participated in St. Patrick’s parish Drug Awareness Panel, and participated in a panel discussion at the Stoneham Senior Center with the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Office. Members of the coalition participated in Take Back prescription medication events, Town Day, Farmers Market and the Chamber of Commerce Health and Wellness Fair.

The youth coalition at the high school focused on growing their members, joined the 84.org , painted a Switchbox Art project focused on Sober living, created Bathroom Buzz flyers and High School students attended the MA Youth Summit on Opioid Awareness. Coalition members have been collecting data on perceptions and behaviors from the local community, and have been active participating in prevention work regionally. Coalition members attend a variety of recovery events in surrounding communities to support regional efforts. The SSAC received the Martin Luther King award in recognition of its work. The coalition continues to look for new and innovative ways to bring more resources and access to programs to the entire community.

Submitted by Shelly MacNeill, Chair

SWITCHBOX ART PROJECT

The Stoneham Switchbox Art project continued to make progress on visually enhancing the town by painting utility boxes. The goal of the project is to showcase original work by local artists, enhance public spaces, build our community connections and demonstrate pride in Stoneham for the benefit of both locals and visitors.

In 2016, one additional switchbox was completed: Young artists under the guidance of Ben Jacques decorated the switchbox at Franklin and Perkins Streets to celebrate the community work of the Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition (SSAC). The Coalition focuses on the opioid crisis as well as prevention of underage drinking and smoking.

Our group did not need to raise additional funds in 2016 due to the previous generous donations as noted in the 2013 report. The project continues to operate at no public expense. We welcome new art proposals from anyone who lives, works or volunteers in Stoneham. Additional information and application details are available on the Town Web Page under “Things to Do” or stonehamswitchboxart@gmail.com

Current members; Lorraine Bennett, Margaret Drummey, Bee Russo, Margaret Warren and Marcia M. Wengen.

Submitted by Marcia M. Wengen

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The mission statement of the Stoneham Fire Department is to protect and preserve life, property, and the environment in the community in the most professional, courteous, and efficient manner possible.

To the Residents of Stoneham, Board of Selectmen, and Town Administrator Younger:

I would like to give thanks for the opportunity provided to me to head the Stoneham Fire Department. It is an honor bestowed upon myself and my family to be presented with such a great responsibility to lead an organization with such an honorable mission.

Personnel:

Chief

Matthew Grafton*

Secretary

Ann Burnham

Fire Prevention

Captain Al Minotti

Lieutenant Charlie Webber*

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Captain	Captain	Captain	Captain
Matt Rexrode	James Marshall*	Frank Gould*	Ed Regan*
Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Lieutenant
Mark Chabak	John Galla	Rob Dalis*	Mike O'Sullivan*
Firefighters	Firefighters	Firefighters	Firefighters
Paul Dockery	Bill McNulty	Scott Greenleaf*	Steve Verhault
Chris Humber*	Anthony Riggillo	Sean Fitzgerald	Paul McIntyre*
Jim McLaughlin*	Mike Labriola	Matt Mayo	D. Eastman*
Dean Blauvelt	Dan Kelleher*	R. Darragh	Brent Last
Will King	Dan Dawson	Paul Driscoll	Mike Coughlin*
Mike Rourke*	Jack Sullivan	Tom Decroteau*	Sean Devlin
Chris Maloney	Eric Verhault*	Dan Dowling	Steve Buitkus*

*Indicates Certified EMT

In 2016 the Stoneham Fire Department had significant changes in personnel due to retirements, promotions, additional staffing, and unfortunately an untimely death.

Chief Joe Rolli and Firefighter Joe Cryan were both hired in March 13, 1983, and after nearly 33 years of public service together they both retired in early 2016. I wish them both long healthy retirements and thank them for their service to the Town of Stoneham.

On February 11, 2016 Firefighter Dave Atherton and Firefighter Will King were hired in addition to the Department's compliment. Also on that date Captain Matt Grafton was promoted to Fire Chief, Lieutenant Matt Rexrode was promoted to Captain, and Firefighter Charlie Webber was promoted to Lieutenant.

Sadly on June 28, 2016 the Fire Department was struck by tragedy when one of our own, Firefighter Dave Atherton was fatally injured in an accident. He is sorely missed by his family at the Stoneham Fire Department and may he rest in peace.

On October 1, 2016 Firefighter Mike Rourke, Firefighter Eric Verhault, Firefighter Dan Dowling, Firefighter Chris Maloney, and Firefighter Steve Buitkus were hired to fill the three vacant positions as well as two additional

positions to the Departments compliment. They are currently attending the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and upon successful completion will be assigned to their respective groups.

The additional staffing funded in 2016 helps to start restoring the staffing levels to where to where they were before layoffs were made in 2004. These positions bring each group to a total of nine Firefighters. The department is budgeted to allow two firefighter positions to go unfilled each day due to vacation, sick, military, and other obligations. The minimum amount of Firefighters on duty in Stoneham will now be seven instead of six. This increase allows for the Fire Department to be safer and more effective in its overall mission to protect the residents of Stoneham. The Fire Department is truly grateful for the support from the Board of Selectmen and the residents of Stoneham. Unfortunately, the staffing is still below the national standards as well as all surrounding comparable Towns. I look forward to working in collaboration with Town Administrator Younger and the Board of Selectmen to find funding opportunities to adequately staff and restructure the Fire Department. With the increases in responses, existing old construction, numerous multi-family buildings, mutual aid obligation, and proposed growth to the Town, it is my recommendation that the minimum number of firefighters on duty should never be less than nine.

Fire Suppression:

The Stoneham Fire Department responded to 3094 emergencies in 2016. The responses are coded in series of 100-900 in accordance with the National Fire Incident Reporting system otherwise known as NFIRS. The totals are as follows:

Series	Heading	Total
100	Fires:	164
200	Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	3
300	Rescue and Emergency Medical Services	2014
400	Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	234
500	Service Calls	140
600	Good Intent Calls	204
700	False Alarm and False Call	318
800	Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	0
900	Special Incident	17

Notable fire responses in 2016 were working fires on Gorham Rd, Harrison Ave, Gilmore St, and two additional on North St. The Stoneham Fire Department struck 2nd Alarms in 2016 for 10 Washington Ave., 92 Washington St., 71 Montvale Ave, and 154 North St. Stoneham Firefighters responded mutual aid 36 times in surrounding communities including multiple alarm fires twice in Winchester, Wakefield, Woburn, and once in Reading, as well as cover assignments in Melrose, Woburn, Wakefield, Reading, and Cambridge.

Fire Prevention:

Conduct inspections and or drills as required by law in schools, nursing homes, and day cares. Provides safety education to elementary aged students as well as seniors. Following up on citizen complaints. Assist in the oversight and approval of commercial and residential construction projects. Duties include site plan reviews; permit processing, on-site inspections during construction and final inspections for the issuance of occupancy certifications.

New development in commercial and residential properties continued in 2016. Through inspections, enforcement of fire codes, construction plan reviews, fire investigations, issuing of permits and fire education programs much has been achieved in the past year. Commercial and large residential construction projects require many steps including site plan reviews, which consider requirements such as apparatus access, water supply, exposure to other structures, type of occupancy, etc. The next step is a meeting with Fire Protection Engineers to discuss Fire Alarm, Fire

Suppression, Municipal Fire Alarm connections and the issuing of the proper permits. Once the project is started, on-site inspections are required to keep track of the progress being made. The Certificate of Occupancy is issued after a final inspection and all new systems are tested.

Through the Department of Fire Service Stoneham was awarded \$7754 for Student Awareness of Fire Education and Senior Safe grants. Stoneham Firefighters made visits to Kindergarten thru Third grade in all elementary schools and discussed fire safety topics as well as fire prevention. The Fire Department in collaboration with the Senior Center and Board of Health started conducting senior safety visits. These visits are made to identify fire and fall hazards in seniors homes. The grant allows for the purchase of smoke detectors, File of Life, flashlights, house numbers, night lights and other safety items that could be identified at the safety visit. Safety visits can be set up by contacting the S.A.F.E. coordinator Lt.Charlie Webber or by calling the Senior Center.

2016 Permits

Oil Tank Removal/Replacement	75
Oil Burner.....	50
Master Box.....	119
Demolition.....	7
Blasting	1
Welding/Hot Work	10
Fire Alarm System.....	15
Sprinkler & Suppression System.....	19
Smoke Detector	305
Propane.....	112
Acetylene.....	7
Tank Truck.....	9
Flammable Fluid.....	5
Cannon.....	1
Underground Tank Removal.....	5
Waste Oil.....	5
Total	745

Inspections

Final/Occupancy	10
Fire Drills.....	20
Knox Box.....	6
Oil Burner.....	23
Oil Tank Removal/Installation.....	24
Victualler.....	25
Quarterly.....	15
Annual	10
Propane Tank Inspection	15
Smoke Detectors.....	368
Senior Safety.....	5
Transfer Tank/Truck.....	8
Business.....	1
Flammable Gas.....	7
Citizen Complaints.....	14
Other.....	7
Total	558

Stoneham Fire Department Motorized Equipment

ENGINE TWO:	2016 Seagrave 1,250 gpm pump with 750 gallons of water. Delivered in May 2016
ENGINE THREE:	2011 Seagrave 1,250 gpm pump with 750 gallons of water.
ENGINE FOUR:	1989 Emergency One 1,000 gpm pump with 500 gallons of water.
LADDER ONE:	2015 Emergency One Quint, equipped with a 100 ft. medium duty ladder and a 1,250 gpm pump and 450 gallons of water.
CAR ONE:	2017 Chevy Tahoe. Delivered in December 2016.
CAR TWO:	2012 Ford Escape
CAR THREE:	2011 Ford Escape
CAR FOUR:	2005 Ford F350 Crew Cab
CAR FIVE:	2001 Ford F450 with a Versa-lift bucket
RESCUE BOAT:	2000 15 foot Boston Whaler with a 40hp Mercury outboard

Grants and Donations:

The Stoneham Fire Department received the following donations and grants in 2016 and would like to thank the following for their generosity and support:

- Department of Fire Services Student Awareness of Fire Education and Senior Safe grants \$7754.
- Earmark from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in the amount of \$15,000 for the purchase of Sanitation Equipment for Bunker Gear.
- Retired Firefighter Dave Bettencourt from Cummings Properties \$1000.
- Jamie Curley in memory of Retired Firefighter Leon Curley from Cummings Properties \$1000.
- Anne Olenio from Cummings Properties \$1000.
- Katie Tuscano \$5000.
- Kristin Gates in memory of Firefighter Dave Atherton \$1100.
- Laurie Pimentel granite bench in memory of Firefighter Eric Bernat.
- Class of 1982 donation of the Fire Department Sign.

Fire Station Centennial:

On behalf of the firefighters and centennial committee I would like to thank the residents and businesses that contributed to the fire station centennial celebration. Together with the Stoneham girl scouts the fire station turned 100 years old. A celebration was held on October 1st to commemorate both milestones including a parade, a fire station open house as well as outdoor events. Over \$27,000 was raised making the entire event a great success, thanks to the generosity of our community.

I would like to thank the centennial committee and volunteers for their hard work and dedication in making the celebration a successful event. The committee consisted of Marcia Wengen, Tara Lawler, Maureen Buckley, Sharon Iovanni, Retired Stoneham Fire Captain Mike Murphy, Firefighter Jim McLaughlin, Fire Captain Jim Marshall, Fire Lieutenant John Galla, State Representative Mike Day, Anthony Guardia, Ralph Barile Jr., and Dave Gardner.

**2016
METRO FIRE
RUNNING CARD
STONEHAM**

Alarm	Engine	Engine	Engine	Ladder	Engine Cover Station	Engine Cover Station	Ladder Cover Station
1st	Stoneham E2	Stoneham E3**	Winchester RIT Team	Stoneham L1	Wakefield	Reading	
2ND	Wakefield	Reading	Melrose	Woburn	Saugus	Medford	Malden
3RD	Saugus	Medford	Burlington	Malden		Malden	Medford
4TH	N.Reading	Lynnfield	Somerville	Somerville			
5TH	Wilmington	Lexington	Revere	Revere			
6TH	Arlington	Winthrop	Chelsea	Chelsea			
7TH	Peabody	Tewksbury	Cambridge	Cambridge			
8TH	Middleton	Waltham	Everett	Everett			
9TH	Weston	Massport	Lynn	Lynn			
10TH	Watertown	Belmont	Boston	Boston			

**Indicates may not be in service due to staffing

The Stoneham Fire Department always strives to serve the Town to the best of our ability. On behalf of the members and staff of the Department I want to thank the residents, elected officials, boards and committees, as well as local businesses for the continued support throughout 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief of the Department
Matthew Grafton

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Town of Stoneham hired an employee this year. This effectively doubles the IT staff and allows us to react to multiple issues simultaneously. It also affords us the ability to be much more proactive as opposed to reactive. Teddy You, the new Assistant IT Director, has been instrumental in reducing response times to problems as well as assisting the rollout of several projects that required too much time for me to handle alone.

The Town has rolled out a new Wi-Fi system throughout several buildings. Town Hall, Police, Fire, Arena, DPW and DPW Garage have been upgraded to the new Wi-Fi system. We are hopeful to add the Senior Center to this rollout sometime next year. We are also in negotiation with RCN to increase the bandwidth to accommodate new technologies and more simultaneous users.

Several upgrades to the municipal network have resulted in increased bandwidth to end users. We anticipate further enhancements in 2017.

We made some upgrades to our firewall and have greatly enhanced our spam filtering, virus scanning and backup regimen. Ransomware is becoming increasingly difficult to block and the best defense is a good backup strategy. We will continue to fortify the network and further reduce any vulnerabilities

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES/BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department is operating with one full-time Building Inspector, one full-time office assistant, a part-time Plumbing & Gas Inspector and a part-time Electrical Inspector.

The Report of the Inspectional Services Department for the Year 2016 is as follows:

New Single Family Dwellings	14
Building Permits Issued	746
Electrical Permits Issued	537
Plumbing Permits Issued	420
Gas Permits Issued	247
Sign Permits Issued	17
Sheet Metal Permits Issued	33
Certificate of Occupancy	23
Certificates of Inspection	26
Total Fees Collected	\$536,116.76

POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Stoneham Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of professional police services while respecting the constitutional rights of every person living in or visiting the Town of Stoneham. We achieve this mission by working in partnership with the community and by practicing Community Oriented Policing. Serving with compassion and respect to all members of the public, we remain committed to providing these services with professionalism and integrity.

The Office of the Chief manages the overall operation of the Stoneham Police Department and plans for the future in close collaboration with the Town Administrator.

In 2016, the Stoneham Police Department was comprised of 39 full-time police officers. The civilian administrative staff for the department consisted of office manager Erin Sinclair, part-time office assistants Patricia Quinn and Raymie Parker, and Linda Leis, our Domestic Violence Advocate.

Over the past summer, three members of the police department retired after decades of dedicated service to the Town. In July, Lieutenant Richard McCarthy retired after 38 years, Sergeant Robert Swasey retired after 37 years, and Office Manager Mary Zatta retired after 29 years. Rick, Bob and Mary served as mentors to all of us and we wish them well in retirement.

Last year, five new officers were added to the ranks of the police department. On February 11, 2016, Officers John Burton and Arthur Yeomelakis graduated from the Reading Police Academy. On August 16, Officers Kevin Russell, Christopher Murphy and Michael Prudente also graduated from the Reading Police Academy.

The following is a roster of the Department's police officers as of December 31, 2016: Chief James McIntyre; Lieutenants David Stefanelli and Tony Kranefuss; Sergeants Steven Nims, Robert Kennedy, David Thistle, Kenneth Wilkins, Thomas Heller, Christopher Apalakias and Christopher Dalis; Officers Sheryl Rotondi, Stephen Carroll, Joseph Ponzio, Paul Norton, Thomas Day, Christopher Copan, Edward Fucarile, William Reinold, David Ryan, Patrick Carroll, Kenneth Bowdidge, Laura Engel, Luc Bourgeois, David Szydlowski, Jonathan Mahoney, Derek McShane, Stephen Aprile, Michael DeCroteau, John Curtis, Brendan Carr, Michael Colotti, Brian Raffaelo, John Burton, Arthur Yeomelakis, Kevin Russell, Christopher Murphy and Michael Prudente.

The police department had several notable cases in 2016. In January, Stoneham detectives assisted by the Southern Middlesex Regional Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at a Main Street residence. The resident was arrested and six small bags of cocaine were found in his pocket. While on scene, detectives began communicating through text messages with the suspect's drug supplier using an undercover cellular phone. The suppliers agreed to meet at the suspect's residence to sell cocaine. After a short period of time, two individuals arrived on scene and were subsequently arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine and possession with intent to distribute heroin. Additionally, the vehicle that the suspects arrived in was seized.

On February 8, officers responded to a bank robbery. A male entered the bank, passed a note to a teller demanding cash. The suspect fled the bank and no one was injured. The case remains under investigation.

In April, the police department responded to Stoneham High School for two bomb threats received by telephone. Both incidents were part of numerous similar threats received throughout Massachusetts.

In May, a male entered the lobby of the police station and reported to officers that he had a bomb in his back-pack. The male then began walking towards the Training Room where a community group was beginning to meet. Officers confronted the male, who became assaultive, and was brought to the floor. The back-pack was cut from the male and removed from the building. No device was located in the back-pack. The male was placed under arrest and transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

In June, officers responded to a residence for a report of a 24 year old male shot by a firearm. Upon the arrival of emergency personnel, the victim, who had been shot once in the chest was pronounced dead. Stoneham police and state police detectives responded. Based upon their investigation, a 23 year old friend of the victim, was placed under arrest.

In August, officers responded to Main Street for a pedestrian struck by a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers found a male unconscious, suffering from an apparent head injury. The victim was transported to the MA General Hospital. The MA State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section and Crime Scene Services responded to the scene. Several days later the victim died from his injuries.

In September, officers responded to a report of a break at a convenience store. Upon arrival at the store, officers found the front door broken. An officer responding to the scene located a male a short distance from the store who was attempting to avoid making eye contact with the officer as he passed. After speaking with a witness, reviewing recorded video from the store, and locating stolen lottery tickets on this male, he was placed under arrest.

In October, officers responded to the parking lot of a restaurant for a vehicle left running in for several hours. Officers made contact with the operator, who attempted to hide an item from their view. It was determined that the operator's license was suspended and she was subsequently arrested. Located in the vehicle was a ledger used to track drug transactions. At the booking desk, 27 grams of crack cocaine were located in the operator's purse. The operator was charged with operating after license suspension and cocaine trafficking.

In December, officers responded to a bank robbery. A masked male entered the bank, intimidated he had a handgun, and demanded money. After receiving money from a teller, the male fled the bank to his get-away car. No one was injured during the incident. The suspect in this case is believed to have been involved in multiple bank robberies in the Boston area.

In closing, I would like to thank the officers and civilian staff of the Stoneham Police Department for all their hard work over the past year.

Respectfully submitted by Chief James McIntyre

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Criminal Investigations Division (Bureau) is responsible for all criminal investigations that involve adults, juveniles, narcotics, computer crimes and all subsequent prosecutions. The Bureau is also responsible for the processing and security of all evidence as well as the processing of all new and renewal applications for gun permits. In addition, the Bureau is tasked with fingerprinting applicants for door to door solicitors, ice cream truck vendors and dealers in second hand merchandise. Fingerprinting services are also provided to town residents for employment and adoption purposes.

The Bureau saw many personnel changes this year. On July 8, 2016, Lieutenant Detective Richard McCarthy retired after 38 years of service. We wish him the very best and thank him for his countless contributions and leadership in the bureau. Lieutenant David J. Stefanelli was assigned as Detective Lieutenant and Sergeant Robert Kennedy as Detective Sergeant. Detective Christopher Dalis was promoted to sergeant assigned to the patrol division. Officer William Reinold was assigned as the narcotics detective and Officer Patrick Carroll as night detective. Additionally, Detective Stephen Carroll went from night detective to day detective and Detective Paul Norton, who just completed fifteen successful years as the narcotics detective, has been assigned as day detective/juvenile officer. The departments court prosecutor and liaison is Detective Christopher Copan. Detective David Ryan, the departments IT Computer Specialist, is responsible for all projects, trainings and investigations involving current technology. Officer Stephen Aprile who was temporarily assigned to the Bureau, returned to his uniformed patrol position following an impressive and accomplished run as the temporary day detective.

The Bureau investigated hundreds of incidents which included the application of numerous search warrants and arrests. The most notable was the investigation of the tragic death of Stoneham Firefighter David Atherton. Others include major narcotic, larceny and sexual assault investigations. The Bureau continues to work closely with our state, local and federal law enforcement partners as well as the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and the NEMLEC regional detective's partnership.

There were forty-four drug related overdoses investigated by the police department. Unfortunately, eight of these overdoses resulted in death. These deaths and all others are reported to the Massachusetts Medical Examiner's Office and investigated by our department and in some cases in cooperation with the Massachusetts State Police.

The following is the number of registered sexual offenders living or working in Stoneham as of December 31, 2016. Additional sex offender and classification information is available online at www.mass.gov/sorb.

<u>Total:</u>	24 total
<u>Unclassified:</u>	1 person who has yet be classified resides in Stoneham.
<u>Level 1:</u>	10; 7 reside in town, 4 work in Stoneham, (1 person both lives and works in Stoneham). RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS LOW, NO OFFENDER INFORMATOIN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.
<u>Level 2:</u>	12; 4 reside in Stoneham, 5 work in Stoneham, 2 list Stoneham as a secondary residence, 1 is homeless. RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS MODERATE, OFFENDER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
<u>Level 3:</u>	1 person works in town. RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS HIGH, OFFENDER INFORMATION IS ACTIVELY DISSEMINATED.

2016 Crime and Calls for Service

GUN PERMIT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED	182
ARRESTS	144
COURT HEARINGS	63
INDIVIDUALS TAKEN INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	17
COURT SUMMONS	136
ARREST WARRANT APPLICATIONS	8
OUI-DRUGS	4
OUI-LIQUOR	9
ALARMS	717
ANIMAL CALLS	207
BUILDING/PERSON CHECKS	3390
CALLS FOR SERVICE	16645
DIRECTED PATROLS	1813
DISTURBANCE CALLS	591
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	159
DRUG RELATED CALLS FOR SERVICE	27
FIREARMS RELATED CALLS	7
MEDICAL AID CALLS	2221
MISSING PERSONS	35
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES	664
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	1964
MOTOR VEHICLES RECOVERED	8
MOTOR VEHICLES STOLEN	17
SUMMONS SERVICES	243
THREATS/HARASSMENT INCIDENTS	108
MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS	908
DRUG CHARGES	130
DRUG OVERDOSES	44
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	22
ALL OTHER LARCENY	133
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	204
ARSON	1
BURGLARY/BREAKING AND ENTERING	85
BUYING, RECEIVING, SELLING ETC	8
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	7
CREDIT CARD/ATM MACHINE FRAUD	3
DESTRUCTION/VANDALISM PROPERTY	46
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	9
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	24
FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/GAME	47
FONDLE/INDECENT/CHILD MOLESTIN	3
FORCIBLE RAPE	5
IMPERSONATION	13
INTIMIDATION	20
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	21
MURDER/NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	1
POCKET-PICKING	2
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	1
ROBBERY	3
SHOPLIFTING	21
SIMPLE ASSAULT	63
THEFT FROM BUILDING	8

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	3
TRESSPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	6
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	5

Respectfully submitted by Detective Lieutenant David J. Stefanelli and Detective Sergeant Robert Kennedy.

PATROL OPERATIONS SECTION

The Stoneham Police Department Patrol Operations Section currently consists of 29 uniformed officers; 2 lieutenants, 6 sergeants and 21 officers. We currently have one student officer scheduled for the upcoming academy in March of 2017 which is an intensive 20 plus week basic training program for newly hired full time police officers sponsored by the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) and will be held at the Reading Police Academy.

The men and women of the patrol operations section perform the most visible and recognized function within the Stoneham Police Department. They are the ones in uniform and in marked cruisers who are the first to respond to calls. In 2016, there were 16,645 incidents logged which is nearly a 15% increase from last year. There were 144 arrests and 17 people placed into protective custody. When officers are not on calls, they patrol the streets promoting public safety through visibility and the education and enforcement of motor vehicle laws. Officers made 1,964 motor vehicle stops and issued 908 citations. Over 1,250 parking tickets were issued throughout the year.

Each member of the police department is required to receive a minimum of 40 hours of annual training required by the MPTC and 16 hours of 911 Training. Officers have gone to various In-Service and 911 trainings including CPR, First Responder, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Providing Exceptional Service and Crisis Communications to name a few.

On July 8, 2016, Lieutenant Detective Richard McCarthy retired after 38 years of service. On July 13, 2016, Sergeant Robert Swasey retired after 37 years of service. Lieutenant David J. Stefanelli was made Detective Lieutenant, Division Commander of the Detective Bureau. Sergeant Robert Kennedy was made Detective Sergeant and supervises the Detective Bureau. Lieutenant Tony Kranefuss was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant on July 11, 2016 and is the Night Operations Commander. Sergeant Christopher Apalakakis was promoted from police officer to sergeant on July 11, 2016 and is assigned as a day shift supervisor. Detective Christopher Dalis was promoted from juvenile detective to sergeant on September 20, 2016 and is assigned as a night shift supervisor.

After four years as the department's grant administrator, Lt. Stefanelli relinquished these duties when he was assigned to command the detective bureau and Sergeant Christopher Apalakakis has assumed these responsibilities. Sergeant Apalakakis has also taken over the duties of Community Policing Director, a position that was held for many years by Sergeant Steven Nims. Officer Patrick Carroll became Detective Patrick Carroll and works as the night shift detective and Officer William Reinold became Detective William Reinold and works as the department's narcotics investigator.

The Stoneham Police Department would like to welcome aboard three new officers that graduated from the Reading ROC-25 Academy on Tuesday, August 16, 2016: (pictured left to right) Officer Kevin J Russell – Badge #76, Officer Christopher J Murphy – Badge #77, Officer Michael L Prudente – Badge #78



The Stoneham Police Department in conjunction with the NEMLEC STARS Team, conducted two separate overviews of the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) critical incident response program for all parents of K-12 students. We also conducted overviews of the ALICE program for all elementary, middle and high school staff. The high school and middle school staff participated in practical training sessions consisting of ALICE response drills. The elementary schools staff are scheduled for ALICE drills in the spring of 2017.

ALICE initiates a plan and preparation for individuals and organizations on how to more proactively respond to the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. The concepts of ALICE tactics have become the accepted response, versus the traditional 'lockdown only' approach.

Sergeant David Thistle is our department's Domestic Violence Officer and heads up the Stoneham Police Department Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) which consists of a sergeant and a civilian advocate, Linda Leis. Patrol officers responded to 160 reports of domestic violence in 2016. The police department assisted 16 people in obtaining emergency abuse prevention orders, investigated 18 reports of protection order violations and served 114 abuse prevention orders. The role of our civilian advocate is to assist victims of domestic violence navigate the criminal justice system and available social services. In addition to Sergeant Thistle's regular duties as a sergeant assigned to the night shift, he follows up with the criminal investigation of domestic violence incidents. Sergeant Thistle and the advocate are founding members of the Southern Middlesex Area Response Team (SMART). Team members include area law enforcement, social services, Department of Children and Families (DCF), and the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office (MCDAO). The purpose of this team is to identify, based upon a set criteria, incidents of domestic violence that have the potential of significant bodily injury or death of the victim by the offender. The members of the unit also serve on the Board of Directors of the Stoneham Alliance Against Violence (SAAV). Sgt. Thistle also works closely with the MCDAO and frequently assists them in training area police departments in domestic violence. He recently attended a 4 day Advanced Strangulation training in Fort Worth, Texas. He is the only police officer in Massachusetts that has attended this advanced training. The members of our DVU also recertified in the Massachusetts Address Confidentiality Program and became certified in the U-Visa program through the US Immigration Services. The U-Visa program allows us to certify undocumented people who are the victims of certain crimes, such as domestic violence and human trafficking, allowing them temporary legal status in the United States. Sgt. Thistle also partnered with Respond INC, a domestic violence support agency, to create a You-Tube video highlighting the dangerousness of strangulation in domestic violence. The DVU also sits on the Triad board, a partnership between the Stoneham Police Department, Stoneham Fire Department, Massachusetts Elder Affairs, Stoneham Senior Center, Stoneham Board of Health, and Middlesex County Sheriff's Department. Lastly, Sgt. Thistle is also the Fire Investigator for the police department. He investigated a fire in March where the suspect in a domestic violence incident was charged with attempted arson of a dwelling house.

Officer Sheryl Rotondi was recognized by the Municipal Police Training Committee with the 'First Responder's Recognition Award' for her life saving act of performing CPR on an unresponsive 47 year old male, ultimately saving his life, and then, a few days later, for her efforts assisting in the delivery of a baby that decided to come before the family could make it to the hospital. Officer Rotondi was also recognized by the Massachusetts Police Association for her acts and received the 'Distinguished Service Award' (pictured below). The Boston Bruins also recognized her efforts on a 'First Responders Night' honoring all first responders.



The Stoneham Police Department is now in its first year of an established Field Training and Evaluation Program that has been an important tool for preparing new officers for their careers. The purpose of the FTO program is to train new officers so that each is prepared to function as an independent officer at the conclusion of their training cycle.

The training cycle consists of 12 weeks of intensive on-the-job training and daily performance evaluations which starts after successfully completing the full-time police academy. Training is conducted by certified Field Training Officers (FTO): Detective Patrick Carroll, Officer David Szydlowski, Officer Jon Mahoney and Officer Michael DeCroteau.

FTO's have the dual responsibility of providing police service in their assigned routes, as well as conducting training and evaluations for new officers. Sergeant Heller leads our FTO program and is responsible for the supervision of all personnel assigned to their teams and for coordinating and supervising the on-the-job training of the recruit officers.

Officer Laura Engel was certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician and assists residents with the proper installation of safety seats.

The Stoneham Police Department continues its membership in the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC), which is a consortium of 61 law enforcement agencies within Middlesex and Essex Counties. As a member of NEMLEC, our department is able to call upon the resources of the organization for support and assistance when a need arises. These resources include a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team to assist in high-risk operations, a Regional Response Team (RRT) to assist in maintaining public order during a demonstration or disaster, a Motorcycle Unit to assist with traffic control, a School Threat Assessment and Response System (STARS) to assist during a school related emergency, as well as other specialized units, investigative tools and personnel. Sgt. Kennedy is assigned to the STARS team and is the units Assistant Commander. Sgt. Heller is assigned to the RRT and SWAT team. Sgt. Kennedy coordinated K-9 searches with NEMLEC at the Stoneham High School and an evacuation drill at the Stoneham Central Middle School and responded to 3 STARS calls in other NEMLEC jurisdictions. Sgt. Heller responded to 8 SWAT calls in other NEMLEC jurisdictions.

The Stoneham Police Department prides ourselves as a community oriented department and we participate in many events throughout the year. In the spring, officers participated in the Senior Promenade, the Stoneham High All Night Grad Party, the Memorial Day Parade, Health & Wellness Expo, Touch-A-Truck and the Charity Dodge Ball Game for the Boys & Girls Club which officers raised over \$4,000. Officer Bowdidge coordinated the 17th annual Fishing Derby along with other officers with great success. In the fall, officers assisted with Halloween safety talks, Stoneham Town Day and the Stoneham Road Race as well as the Trick or Treat Stroll. In the winter, we assisted in the Stoneham Common Tree Lighting as well as Whip Hill's Holiday event and Detective David Ryan headed our annual Christmas Party for local children along with the help of many officers.

Lieutenant Stefanelli and Sergeant Apalakis were the grant writers for the Stoneham Police Department in 2016. The Stoneham Police Department was the recipient of over \$95,000.00 in state grant funds for 911 support and training as well as targeted traffic enforcement and equipment.

Respectfully submitted by Lieutenant Tony Kranefuss and Lieutenant David J. Stefanelli.

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH

The Public Safety Dispatch Department provides 24-hour civilian dispatching for the Police Department, Fire Department and contract ambulance. The Department is comprised of six full-time dispatchers and two part-time dispatchers that operate from a combined dispatch center located in the police station.

During the course of 2016 over 16,600 calls for service were processed through the dispatch center. The center received over 4,100 of these requests for service via the 9-1-1 system. Residents are highly encouraged to use 9-1-1 to report police, fire and medical emergencies. These calls for service do not include the numerous business or public information calls that are received by the center or walk - in reports to the Police Station that must also be processed by the dispatch staff.

Of the calls for service: 13,120 involved the Police Department, 3,485 involved the Fire Department and 2,864 involved an ambulance. Added together, these numbers total 19,469 incidents as many calls for service involve a multi-agency response.

The day shift dispatched 7,150 calls for service, the evening shift dispatched 5,907 calls for service and the overnight shift dispatched 3,588 calls for service.

During the year, dispatch personnel attended training classes covering topics such as: Criminal Law for 911 call takers, Criminal procedure for 911 call takers, 9-1-1 Liability, Crisis Communications, Dealing with Difficult people, Officer Safety Concerns, Providing Exceptional Service and Essex Regional PSAP orientation.

Respectfully submitted by Dispatcher David Luciano.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

This is the 157th report of the Stoneham Public Library covering the calendar year 2016.

BUDGET ISSUES

Some of the budget issues in recent years have been addressed; specifically, not only was \$15,000 approved at the Special Town Meeting in October to ensure the Library retained certification for FY2017, also there is a widespread sentiment that the Library should not have to wait until October each year to receive additional funds to cover the shortfall. Furthermore, the budget for FY2018 is being composed to include sufficient funds to retain certification. The budget continues to be a concern, however, for the Library, the Town of Stoneham and the Commonwealth as a whole.

Despite these budget issues, the Stoneham Public Library has managed to select a bounty of items for the collections and has presented a well-rounded series of programs throughout the year. The Library has no programming

budget, so all our programs are 100% funded by donations, grants, gifts from individuals, local organizations and the Friends of the Library. Library staff welcome continued support from all and thank our supporters for their efforts.

HOURS OF OPERATION

For another calendar year, the Library's hours of operation remained stable at 51 per week, but this is still 10 hours less than previously enjoyed. The Library's needs are changing just as patrons' needs are changing, and to reach out to more people in the community (residents, visitors, business owners and more), the Library's full hours on Saturday, Sunday hours and weeknight hours need to be restored. Our Long Range Plan includes an objective to restore those Saturday and Sunday hours lost more than 10 years ago.

FACILITY

Several major and long-overdue repairs were completed during 2016, including the painting of the cupola and an initial clean-up of the library grounds. However, much more work needs to be done. Currently, repairs are being done to the HVAC system, to better regulate the temperature inside the building during the winter and summer alike. Secondly, plans are being developed to further clean up and maintain the grounds, to increase the curb appeal of the building and to appear more welcoming to visitors. Multiple major leaks to the foundation will hopefully be addressed soon, so work can begin on in the interior. Inside, the 32+ year old carpet that is still in many areas of the Library needs to be replaced. Also, repainting is desperately needed, and worn linoleum and tile floors should be removed, to ensure the health and safety of all. Some of these things will be covered by Capital funds, but funding major projects and general maintenance both inside and outside remain a challenge. The Department of Public Works has been helpful in pitching in, for example in resurfacing one of the Library's two book drops because of rust and decay. A new book drop of a similar size and quality would have cost \$5,000-\$8,000. Amongst other things, DPW also cleaned out the front gutters and cleared out drains, to facilitate keeping water out of the building.

MATERIALS COLLECTIONS

Because of funds appropriated at the October Town Meeting, the Trustees and Director were thankfully not forced to dip into reserves to adequately fund the materials budget. In other words, the use of trust funds to supplement the appropriated budget and maintain certification is an unhealthy trend that is hopefully now permanently changed.

Again this year, our citizens made use of the Interlibrary Loan service the Library provides. By remaining certified, the Library is able to supplement its collection by borrowing from our neighbors. Interlibrary Loan requests increased by another **4.3%** over last year, to **12,652** items. These items were delivered directly to the Stoneham Public Library. Further, in 2016 citizens of Stoneham borrowed over **34,141 items (an increase of 116 items over last year)** at our four nearest neighboring NOBLE libraries in Lynnfield, Melrose, Reading and Wakefield.

Ebook readers have maintained popularity, and the use of ebooks and audiobooks circulated by the Library via **OverDrive** reflects that popularity. Circulation of these items increased 711 checkouts during 2016, an increase of 7%. Access to the Overdrive collection can be found at overdrive.noblenet.org and includes both ebooks and audiobooks free of charge.

The internet is still an important part of everyday life. The Library encourages our citizens to access our rich collection of online resources. Whether a person is working on a paper, studying for the SATs, researching a future purchase or embarking on a new genealogy project, there is a database available that will help by providing accurate information for research papers, access to vital documents, practice tests (hundreds of tests from elementary school level to Civil Service Exams), and to the Consumer Reports database. Visit www.stonehamlibrary.org and click on the Online Databases link under the Resources tab to begin exploration of all the online resources the Library has to offer.

JUNIOR LIBRARY

The Junior Library remains one of the busiest places in Stoneham.

Story Times were held several times a week to capacity crowds. Attendance generally ranges from 50 to 150 a week depending on the time of year. These FREE programs are a vital step in early literacy because Story Times help prepare many young children the transition to school.

Junior Library Book Clubs continue to be very popular. Programs were held for 3 grade levels: Grades 4 & 5, Tweens in Grades 6, 7 & 8, and Teens in Grades 9 & up.

As always, the Summer Reading Program helps to ensure that our children continue to read and grow during the summer months. A series of programs in the Junior Library made the library a very popular destination with well over 700 attending programs and participating in the Summer Reading contests.

The popularity of LEGOs never seems to wane, particularly with the LEGOLAND in Boston, and the LEGO Club at the Library continues to thrive. A **LEGO drop-in program** for children was held almost every Friday over the summer and other times during the year.

There was a **four session photography program for teens** held in May that the older children enjoyed. This is an age group that is underserved in our Library because there is no Teen Librarian and no separated space in the Library for teens.

The summer kickoff in June featured a **visit from Mother Goose**. This program was sponsored by **SBCEF/NCECP** and was extremely popular.

Every Thursday during the summer, there was a new **craft program**, where children were encouraged to be creative and had the opportunity to make a variety of things, including masks and bead projects.

The **Garden Club** provided weekly projects on summer Friday mornings as well as other programs during the year, ranging from planting seeds and growing herb gardens to arranging flowers and sprucing up the flowerbeds on the north side of the building.

The importance of music was not forgotten this summer. There was a musical story time performed by **Dara Van Remoortal** on the Town Common at the end of June that drew a large crowd. The change of venue helped to increase awareness of the Library to a wider group of residents and visitors. Also, **Steve Blunt** returned to the Library and is always enjoyed by children as well as their parents and caretakers. Both programs were sponsored by the **Massachusetts Cultural Council**. There was another musical program called Joyful Music and Movement, where children had the opportunity to sing, dance, play instruments and use other props to explore and experiment and especially to have fun!

The focus of summer programs also went beyond music. Ronald McDonald visited the Library again with **Ronald McDonald's Read and Magic** program. This program included magic, music and a lot of smiles. Additionally, there was a **Woodworking with Bob** program sponsored by **Salem Five** where children were able to build and paint their own wooden toys. There was a **hula hoop interactive show** presented by **Bella Pinto** that got all the children excited about moving. In another program, children learned about fireflies and had the chance to make a firefly catcher. **Diane Kordas of Romper Rhythm Puppets** performed a family-friendly puppet show, sponsored by the **SBCEF**, that entertained children and their families as well. Also, children who were eager to explore and develop their technical skills had the chance to take apart discarded computer equipment to see what the inside looks like and gain an understanding of how each machine works.

As already stated, there is no programming budget for the Library. The Junior Library depends entirely on donations and grants and a lot of planning on the part of staff for all programs. The Trustees and staff are very grateful for the generosity of our local businesses, organizations and individuals that sponsored this level of programming all year long.

ADULT LIBRARY

Both the materials and the computers have been heavily used this past year. The Library continues to be a particularly important source of help for job seekers, instruction for new computer users, and new ebook users. Also, all formal and informal programs are free of charge to the public.

The visiting author series continues to be popular and are sponsored by the Friends of the Stoneham Public Library. One visit of note from the past year was **Paul Clerici's** visit for the **Friends Annual Breakfast** last April. Mr. Clerici authored *Boston Marathon: History by the Mile*.

In October, **Amy Schram** from the **Better Business Bureau** delved into new and not-so-new scams and also discussed ways that all of us can keep our money and other assets safe.

Both of the library's **adult book groups** continue to thrive, having an average of 15-30 people attend monthly meetings. Reference Librarian, Maureen Saltzman, is a seasoned discussion facilitator and the reason for the success of these groups. Group participants are encouraged to aid in the selection of future titles. The Reference Librarian also orders and organizes most of the 12,000+ Interlibrary Loan items mentioned earlier and is responsible for purchasing of new reference materials as well as helping patrons daily with computer questions and much more.

A **three part program on Mayan music** that welcomed participants of all ages, from elementary school age to adult, was presented in December. Jared Katz expertly entertained and informed attendees about Mayan music, using virtual reality to tour ancient Mayan sites and a 3D printer to create instruments similar to those the ancient Mayans would have used. Thank you to Jared, who received grant funding and chose the Library at one site to present his research. Thank you also to Janice Chase, our Junior Room Librarian, who coordinated scheduling with Jared and assisted in publicity for this program.

The Library has a new microfilm reader / scanner and two new laptops in the Reference area, all for patrons to use. Also in the Reference area is a new newspaper stand, dedicated by the Friends of the Library in memory of Mary Doyle, a longtime Library Friend and supporter who passed away. Additionally, the Library will soon be purchasing several e-readers to circulate. However, some of the fleet of desktop computers are 7+ years old, ancient in technological terms, and many need replacing. There has been no additional funding for this in the past few years.

While the funding for books and materials is enough to maintain certification, it is barely enough to obtain enough copies of new releases to prevent our patrons from waiting a long time, sometimes months, on a holds list.

SUMMARY

While there have been some exciting improvements and continued successes in the past year, below are comparisons that demonstrate how the Stoneham Public Library compares with some of its neighbors:

Total Town Appropriation to the Library:

	2014	2016
Reading	\$1,343,000	\$1,426,460
Wakefield	\$1,333,000	\$1,509,643
Stoneham	\$ 721,000	\$761,221

Hours Open:

Melrose	61
Reading	63
Wakefield	61
Stoneham	51

As can be seen briefly above, Stoneham is still lagging behind her neighbors. Stoneham spends less in the overall budget for the Library than neighboring Towns do just on Library personnel. The Stoneham Public Library lost 10 hours of operation per week over 10 years ago, and none have been restored while other communities have added

back Library weekend or evening hours. The Stoneham Public Library is only barely able to maintain certification through Town appropriated funds. While other communities continue to expand their services and add staff, Stoneham barely remains even. When our patrons ask why we do not offer some of the services that neighboring libraries do, we need only point to the static level of funding for staff and equipment. I am confident that we have started down a better road and that the next 10 years will bring better and more sustainable improvements for our Library and the Town.

THANK YOU

As always, the Library Board of Trustees and I wish to thank the entire staff. They are second to none in their dedication to the public and to the Library. Thank you also to the Friends of the Library for their tireless support.

It is an honor and a privilege to be the new Director. I value the hard work of Mary Todd, the previous Director, and look forward to serving the Town of Stoneham for many years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Langley, Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is now operating with a total complement of 28.6 full time positions. One employee works three (3) days per week for the DPW and two (2) days per week at Whip Hill Park.. The total complement of employees includes Engineering and Administrative personnel as well as Water, Sewer, Highway, Cemetery, and Equipment Maintenance staffing. As noted in recent years, our current complement of employees necessitates the “privatization” of more aspects of our operation.

As a result of the personnel shortage, most of our tree work including regular maintenance and emergency removal, sidewalk resurfacing and/or replacement, water main installations/replacements, drainage system upgrades/repairs and sewer rehabilitation/repair is accomplished by private contractors following public bidding procedures. This movement towards “privatization” leaves the Town shorthanded when confronted with emergencies such as hurricanes or major snowstorms. In order to provide adequate plowing services, additional contractors must be hired. In fact, two thirds of the plow routes are cleared by private contractor vehicles.

ENGINEERING

Working under the direction and guidance of the Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Engineering is directly involved in the diverse activities performed by the Department of Public Works as listed below:

1. Oversees the planning, design, construction, and renovation of the many miles of water, sewer, and storm drainage piping within the Town’s distribution and collection systems.
2. Development of the annual work construction program along with plans, specifications, and all appropriate bidding materials.
3. Construction control and supervision.
4. Cemetery roadway layout and plot planning.
5. Preparation of plans, specifications, and bidding documents for various construction projects involving the Town’s infrastructure and buildings.
6. Ensuring compliance with federal, state, and local regulations relative to bidding contracts and the procurement of services.
7. Contract award and execution.
8. Overseeing and administering contracts and construction inspections relative to those contracts.
9. Responding to citizen inquiries and complaints relative to Public Works projects and infrastructure.
10. Reviewing plot plans of individual homes with respect to water/sewer locations and driveway grading.
11. Site plan and subdivision review with associated surety-need estimates in regard to construction costs within Town approved subdivisions. These estimates are needed for surety/ bonding to ensure the completion of

- projects in accordance with Town standards. As construction proceeds, engineering updates and recommends the surety required.
12. Prioritizing roadway maintenance on a 70-mile plus roadway network.
 13. Maintenance of virtually every Town building (excluding schools) and various properties under the control of the DPW.
 14. Prioritizing and scheduling maintenance, replacement and upgrading services of 11 signalized intersections (traffic signals).
 15. Scheduling annual traffic marking (centerline, stop bar, crosswalk) services.
 16. Engineering serves as a consultant to every Town department and committee in regard to technical support for engineering related services.
 17. Engineering maintains detailed records and plans of various structures and utilities throughout Town. Additional plans drafted by the department are indexed and filed. Scaled drawings and field sketches indicating the age, type, and location of virtually every sewer main, water main, and storm drain as well as each individual water and sewer service connection to every home in Town, are kept at DPW.
 18. Reviewing street opening requests by contractors and utilities and supervising the restoration of the Town's infrastructure
 19. Prioritizing pumping station maintenance and operations.
 20. Coordinating pavement repair and sidewalk replacement as funds allow.
 21. Development of the annual paving program including the submission of various project request forms and subsequent reimbursement request forms related to work that is state-funding based (Chapter 90).
 22. Sign installation and replacement programs.
 23. Coordinate tree maintenance and planting.
 24. Managing snow plow operations of roadways and sidewalks.
 25. Ordering various materials required for maintenance and construction.
 26. Emergency response during inclement weather conditions, including downed trees and dangerous conditions.
 27. Managing all contractors that work within the public way throughout the year.
 28. Managing all operations at the Stevens Street Recycling Center.
 29. Calculating and comparing various cost alternatives at the Stevens Street Recycling Center to ensure financial effectiveness.
 30. Prioritizing streetlight repair, maintenance, and assessment of streetlight requests to ensure town criteria are met.
 31. Assisting DPW personnel with Dig-Safe mark outs.
 32. Assessment of field maintenance needs and organic fertilization programs as funds allow.
 33. Irrigation system yearly assessment, coordination of repairs, and programming.
 34. Assess and recommend changes to the vehicle inventory, including evaluating recommendations from mechanics.
 35. Manage the backflow prevention program as required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and file yearly reports.
 36. Applying for various grants including but not limited to energy efficiency programs. Said grants apply to DPW buildings, public infrastructure and other town buildings under the direction of the DPW.
 37. Supervising the work under approved grants.
 38. Providing documentation for FEMA to apply for reimbursement funding after storms that qualify for Federal assistance.

During the year, the Engineering Division prepared bidding documents, solicited bids and evaluated proposals for different contracts, including but not limited to streetlight maintenance and granite curb and concrete sidewalk installation, in addition to bidding documents prepared by engineering consultants. Proposals for various equipment, materials, services and construction contracts were received, considered and recommendations for award or rejection rendered. In addition, engineering assisted consultant engineers in development of plans and bidding documents for various projects including but not limited to sewer rehabilitation work, traffic light replacement, sewer pump station rehabilitation and a water system hydraulic analysis.

The engineers review and make comments on all site plans submitted to the Town through the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Building Inspector, individual citizen, etc. We also worked closely with engineers for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (M.W.R.A) in reference to the proposed expansion of the water system and upgrades to the sewer system. Eversource is proposing a major electrical transmission line from Wakefield through

Stoneham to Woburn. The Mass. D.O.T. is proposing traffic upgrades to the North/Main Street intersection. Engineering coordinates the integration of these projects along with the Town's ongoing programs.

Every subdivision plan submitted to the Planning Board is thoroughly reviewed in terms of roadway design, utility design, street light locations, conformity to other various regulations, as well as the overall impact of the development on local neighborhoods. Once a subdivision plan is approved and the developer is ready to initiate construction, Engineering calculates the amount of surety required to ensure the ultimate completion of the subdivision. For each subdivision, several surety adjustment recommendations must be made during the course of construction and prior to final release. Considerable time was expended reviewing plans and performing inspections for Nazareth Academy Subdivision, Doherty Lane Extension (off Summerhill Street), Coventry Estates (off High Street), Smitty's Way, Executive Drive and Fallon Road.

Engineering is responsible for detailed inspections of all ongoing roadway and utility work performed in the various subdivisions and construction sites. Engineering conducts a final inspection of each subdivision and develops a punch list for the developer to complete prior to the final surety release. The current projects under construction are as follows:

1. Wincrest (former Nazareth Academy)
2. Coventry Lane (Off High Street)
3. Doherty's Lane
4. Smitty's Way
5. Schiappa Circle*
6. Executive Drive
7. Fallon Road

*Note: The developer failed to complete this project as designed and it was necessary for the engineering department to use monies that were set aside from the sale of one of the lots in the sub-division to complete the project.

The Town's engineers are continuously called upon to assist in the development and review of plans for several specialized projects undertaken by the Town. Engineering assists in administering the contracts developed from various consulting engineering firms. Among the consulting firms are:

1. Sigma Water Safety, Inc. (Cross Connection Control)
2. Arcadis Inc. - Sewer System Evaluation and Improvements, Capacity Management Operation and Maintenance Program Assessment (CMOM) as ordered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Illicit Discharge, Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Plan as ordered by the EPA.
3. Tremco Roofing (Roof Evaluations)
4. Water & Waste Pipe Testing (water leak detection survey)
5. Stantec. (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit), Greenway (bike path) drainage improvements, sewer pump station rehabilitation, Park and Marble Street traffic signal design/replacement and water system hydraulic model and overall water system evaluation.

WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION

This is the second year in a row that the Town did not appropriate any funds for water construction at the annual Town Meeting. This was necessary to offset the financial impact of Kraft Foods, located in Woburn, going out of business last year. The Town was able to perform water construction by taking advantage of funds available from the M.W.R.A's Phase 2 – Local Water System Assistance Program (LWSAP).

This program provides 10-year interest free loans for member community water system projects. Stoneham hired Stantec Engineering to do an analysis of the Town systems and recommend a project to improve water quality in the northwest section of Town. The project was approved by the M.W.R.A and the following work was performed.

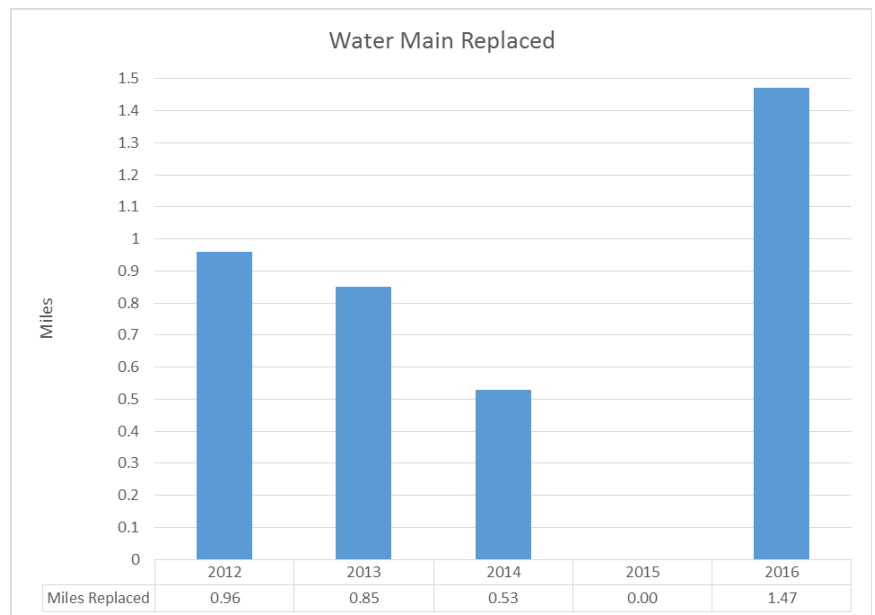
Crosby Street
(North Street to Wagner Road)

Erickson Street
(Entire Street)

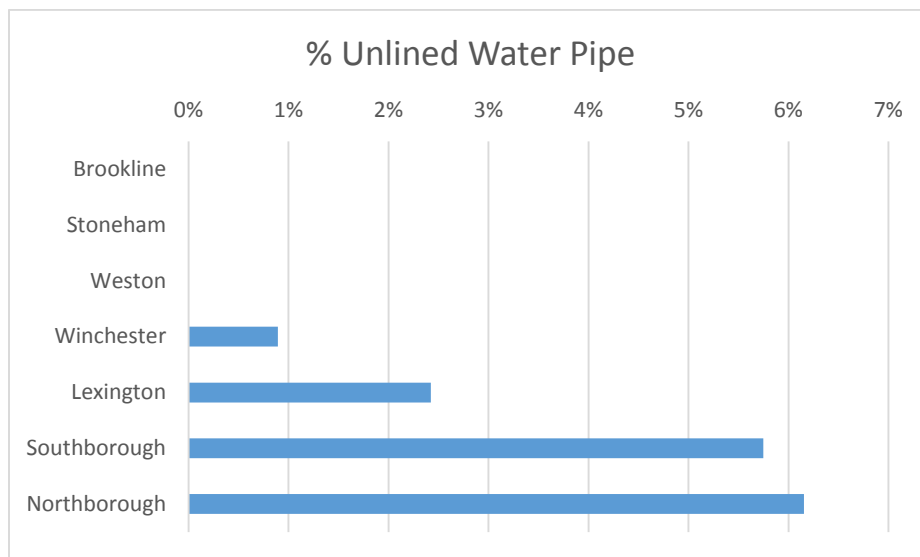
Girard Road
(Entire Street)

Summer Street
(Main Street to Pond Street)

William Street
(Town line to West Street)



Completion of the Phase 2 LWSAP in 2016 not only improved water quality in the northwest section of Town but also removed the last remaining known unlined water pipe. This now makes Stoneham only the third community in the M.W.R.A system to have a 100% lined water distribution system. Following M.W.R.A record updates the top 5 communities, when counting the 100% lined communities as 1, are estimated to be the following in 2017.





M.W.R.A example photos of unlined pipe with tuberculation (rust build up) compared to lined pipe.

The Cross Connection Control program was initiated in 1992 in order to comply with the applicable provisions of Public Law 93-523, the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974; and Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR, Section 22.22, Protection of Sources of Water. This program essentially protects chemical, biological and other contaminants from entering the Town's water supply. Backflow devices are installed on potentially harmful water lines to prevent contaminants from backing into the Town's water supply during pressure drops. The regulations call for normal buildings to be checked (surveyed) on a 10 year basis for additional plumbing changes that could pose a health hazard and also to manually test the backflow devices that are already in place on a bi-annual basis. Sigma Water Safety, Inc. is providing ongoing building surveying, resurveying, device testing and computer services for the Town. In order to provide this service to a drinking water supply the companies personnel must be properly trained and pass an examination approved by the Department of Environmental Protection(Mass-DEP). Throughout the year various paperwork is required to be completed as part of this program and two (2) large annual reports are completed by Town engineers and promptly submitted to Mass-DEP.

Total backflow tests – 647
Building surveys and resurveys – 20

SERVICE INSTALLATIONS BY PRIVATE CONTRACTORS

1.	Water services	14
2.	Sewer services	15

SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

The Department of Public Works proactively implements an annual infiltration and inflow (I/I) removal program in conjunction with the MWRA Local Financial Assistance I/I Removal Program. For the past 15 years, the Town has systematically inspected and assessed its sanitary sewer system and, to date, seven (7) sewer system rehabilitation construction contracts have been completed, including two "location-specific" projects completed between 1999 and 2003, and five (5) Town-wide projects completed in the years since. The most recent construction contract, Phase 5 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, was completed in 2016. As a result of this on-going program, Stoneham consistently shows a downward trend in I/I flows, as measured and estimated by the MWRA. This has helped the Town keep in check the annually rising costs of sewage collection, transport and treatment.

In 2016, the Department of Public Works continued its annual efforts to rehabilitate the sanitary sewer system to remove extraneous flows from the system, also known as infiltration and inflow, which can lead to back-ups and overflows and other problems in the system. Sewer system rehabilitation work was also completed to repair and replace aging pipes and manholes which had deteriorated and were no longer functioning properly. Work completed

in 2016 was focused on Sewer Study areas 4, mainly near the center of Town. In addition, sewer system investigations were conducted in the easements between Ravine Road and Fellsway East.

STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM

The Town has continued to make progress on stormwater management and MS4 permit compliance, including the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) program. The IDDE program is aimed at identifying and eliminating cross connections between the sanitary sewer system (which conveys wastewater) and the storm drain systems (which conveys storm runoff). In accordance with the Town's Final IDDE Plan, the following work was completed in 2016:

- Closed circuit television inspection (CCTV) investigation of sanitary sewer and storm drains.
- Review of M.W.R.A interceptor CCTV files to identify sanitary sewer defects in areas where the interceptors cross the Town of Stoneham drainage system.
- Follow up drainage system investigations along Montvale Avenue.
- Holistic investigations and sampling in the storm system in the vicinity of Route 28 Stoneham Ford.
- Follow up drainage system investigations along Pomeworth Street and Washington Street..
- Updates to the Town's existing GIS using data collected during field investigations.

CATCH BASIN CLEANING/ STREET SWEEPING

By a Town Contractor & Town Forces during 2016

Approximately 2,030 catch basins and drain manholes were cleaned by Truax Corporation, Lakeville, Massachusetts in 2016. The key to a trouble-free drainage system is the timely sweeping of all streets in early spring, followed immediately by the cleaning of all catch basins to remove winter sand and other debris. Due to fiscal constraints, sweeping services were provided by Town forces only, thus extending the overall time to complete the project. Experience has shown that it is much easier to remove foreign materials from street surfaces and catch basins than it is from the storm drainage piping. A well-timed program minimizes flooding in streets and on private property by keeping the storm drainage system free of sand and debris.

PARKS CONSTRUCTION

Work by Town Forces during 2016

Unfortunately no new park construction took place in 2016. Park operations consisted of maintenance and repair of existing facilities and fields including but not limited to graffiti removal, replacement of damaged equipment, fence repairs, baseball diamond repairs and turf management.

HIGHWAY

Paving by a Town Contractor during 2016

Roadway paving and cold planing was provided by D&R Paving of Melrose, Massachusetts, following a public bid. The following streets or portions thereof were excavated by cold planer and resurfaced during 2016:

2016 Chapter 90 Paving Program		
Broadway:	(High Street to MacArthur Road)	940'
Bear Hill Road:	(Entire Street)	1,080'
Drury Lane:	(Entire Street)	1,300'
Elizabeth Road:	(Entire Street)	840'
MacArthur Road:	(Wincrest to Broadway)	880'

Rustic Road:	(Entire Street)	1,060'
Sparhawk Circle:	(Tedford Drive to Dead End)	340'
Sunset Road:	(Entire Street)	1,090'
Tedford Drive:	(Entire Street)	330'

Subtotal: 9,420'

2016 Chapter 90 Sidewalk Program	
Broadway:	(High Street to MacArthur Road)

The Town paved 1.78 miles of roadway this year (3 miles per year would constitute a 25 year replacement cycle whereas industry designs are for a 20 year life cycle.)

SIDEWALK UPGRADING

By a Town Contractor & Town Forces during 2016

Funding was inadequate for addressing the extensive list of sidewalk issues that have been accumulating for over twenty (20) years. As a result, sidewalk replacement/resurfacing was limited. Sidewalk improvements were conducted by Town forces as well as contractors. Cement concrete sidewalks and granite curbing were installed by LaRovere of Everett, Massachusetts, in 2016.

Cement concrete sidewalks and or granite curbing were installed on the following streets:

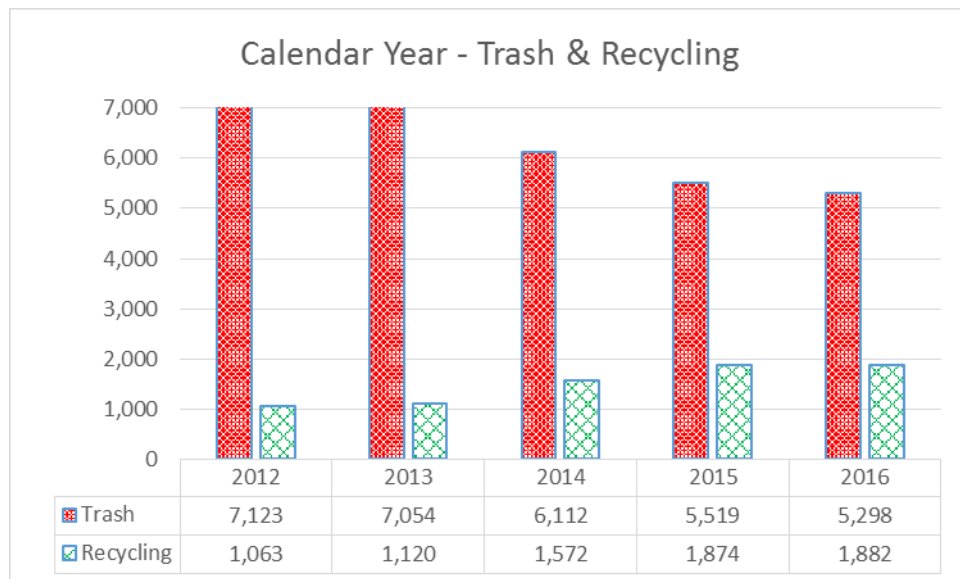
1. Stevens Street (Spring Street to Franklin Street) – east side granite curbing and cement concrete sidewalks.
 2. Broadway (High Street to MacArthur Road) – granite curbing
- Various Streets – block replacement & trip hazard removal

REFUSE AND RECYCLING

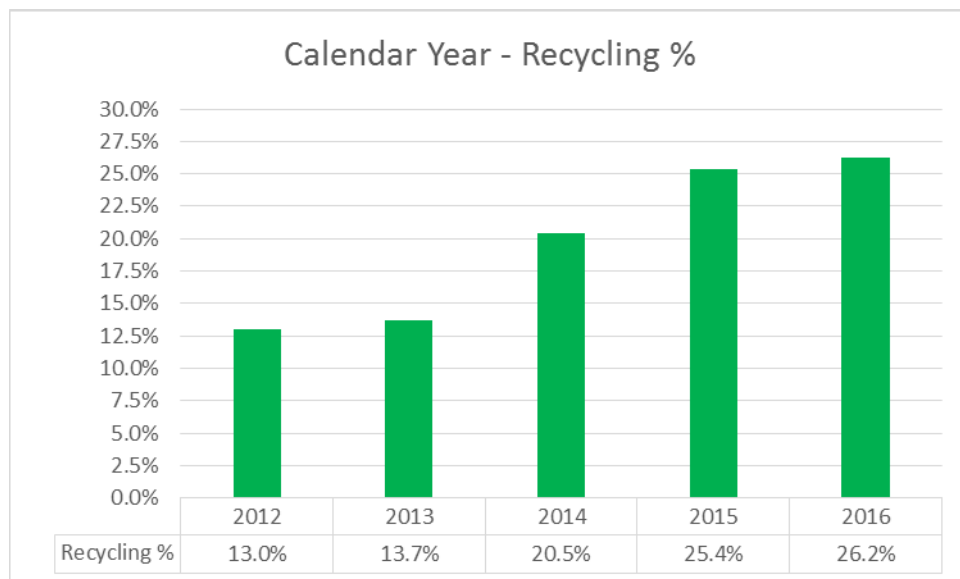
Major changes took place in the Town's trash/recycling policy in 2014. Recycling became weekly and mandatory and trash was limited to 90 gallons per unit, per week. One bulk item under 50 pounds is allowed per week and other items must be paid for. Containers for cardboard and rigid plastics are located at the Stevens' Street Yard. These changes have amounted to a substantial monetary saving through a reduction in trash collection and increase in recycling.

Unfortunately due to a change in the market value of recyclables the Town's vendor (Hiltz Waste Disposal) declared bankruptcy and informed the Town that they would no longer be picking up trash or recycling effective at the end of September 2016. Hiltz had been the Town's vendor since 2001.

The Town requested proposals in August 2016 for a new vendor and following an unexpected sudden drop in service at the beginning of September the Town entered into a contract with Casella of Peabody, Massachusetts. As a result the Town only had a 1 day interruption in service.



Yearly trash tonnage has decreased to 74.4% of its 2012 levels while recycling has increased 177%.



As a result of the coordinated efforts of the Town's waste disposal contractor and educational efforts by the Department of Public Works the Town has obtained a recycling percentage of 26.2% which is nearly double the rate in 2013 before single stream and mandatory recycling policy changes went into effect.

The Department is directly involved in the Town's recycling program. The drop-off leaf program at the Stevens Street Recycling Center was very active and successful in addressing compliance with current trash regulations which ban yard waste from the general refuse flow. In order to better serve the residents, seven curbside leaf pickups were scheduled during the spring and fall, and a Christmas tree pick-up in early January. After the improvements to the recycling center in 2010 and 2011 all yard waste, brush and tree debris are temporarily stockpiled in concrete-block storage areas as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Under formal contract with the Town, ProBark removed yard waste from the site.

This department works with Mayer Tree for the removal of tree and brush waste. North Coastal Environmental removes the street sweepings and catch basin cleanings. This work is performed in accordance with a consent order from D.E.P.

Other services provided by the Town include single-stream, comingled curbside recycling, a book drop off at the Stevens Street Recycling Center, and mercury drop-off at the DPW office building and Board of Health.

SNOW FIGHTING/ MAJOR STORMS

The total snowfall for the 2015-2016 winter season was 35.90". Measureable snow fell during the months of December through April. Approximately seventeen (17) storms were either plowed, sanded, salted or a combination thereof. The largest single snowfall event was 7.1 inches on February 5th. In addition due to daytime melting and nighttime freezing the Department responded to multiple sanding and salting calls throughout the winter.

TRAFFIC LINE PAINTING AND SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

By a Town Contractor during 2016

1. Hi-Way Safety Systems, Inc., of Rockland, Massachusetts, provided traffic line, word, and symbol painting.
2. Dagle Electrical of Woburn, Massachusetts, provided traffic signal and streetlight maintenance.

CEMETERY

The Department is responsible for the Lindenwood Cemetery, which includes the operation and maintenance of roughly 34 acres of land. The cemetery foreman is responsible for prioritizing maintenance and managing laborers in the daily operations. Major maintenance and long-term projects are coordinated by the engineers.

Number of lots sold – January through December 31, 2016 – 54

Number of interments – January through December 31, 2016 – 78

Once again, the Department took advantage of the State-offered inmate work/release program. Several weeks of work were performed by this group, including grass mowing, leaf raking and general cleanup of the cemetery. This program has proven to be a valuable supplement to the depleted DPW forces. However, due to increasing demand by other communities, obtaining this help is becoming more difficult each year.

TREE DIVISION

The Town has been removing more trees than it is planting per year. The Town must take the steps to start an annual planting program to maintain its tree lined streets.

Trees Planted	5
Trees Removed	51
Stumps Ground	60
Trees Pruned	205



The Department of Public Works removed a tree using a bucket truck and loader in preparation of new traffic signal installation at the intersection of Park Street and Marble Streets

TRUCK MAINTENANCE

The DPW truck maintenance department, under direction of the Director of Public Works, conducts and oversees all maintenance of Town-owned vehicles including the Police Department vehicles and Senior Center van. This also includes equipment associated with field maintenance, snow plowing, paving, sign installation as well as other miscellaneous equipment.

The Public Works Department at the request of the Capital Planning Committee, detailed the capital equipment replacement program in a summary format. The program is designed to replace smaller vehicles on a 10 year cycle and larger or specialized vehicles on a 20 year cycle.

In 2016 the DPW purchased the following equipment as a result of funding authorizations from Town Meetings:

- 1 Ford F-700 Bucket Truck
- 1 Wood Chipper
- 1 Small dump truck

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

Department action may have required 15 minutes work by one man, or several days work by a crew of three or four men with trucks and an excavator. The issues shown below may have been called in by a resident or noticed by Town officials.

SEWER RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

1.	Main sewer plugs	15
2.	Sewer service plugs	50
3.	Sewer service excavation/repair	6

WATER RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

1.	Water main break	4
2.	Water service break/repair (Town portion)	6
3.	Meter repairs/replacements	400
4.	Radio Meter Readers installed	50
5.	Water meter readings	26,000
6.	Water meter final readings	350
7.	Water turn on/off	50
8.	Rusty water calls	1
9.	Hydrant repairs/replacement	14

DRAIN RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

1.	Drain repairs/replacements (linear feet)	140
2.	Catch Basin and Drain Manhole Repairs	25

HIGHWAY RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

1.	Sign installations/replacements/repairs	100
2.	Streetlights repaired	202
3.	Potholes filled	Numerous

DPW MISCELLANEOUS WORK

- 1) Winterize hydrants
- 2) Sewer segment maintenance program, continuous critical area preventive maintenance program (biweekly).
- 3) Christmas light installation on the Main Street town shade trees.
- 4) Repair and fill sand barrels
- 5) Landscaping of certain Town properties
- 6) Water main flushing program
- 7) Clean sump chambers at pumping stations
- 8) Clearing critical catch basin grates before large storm events.
- 9) Water service, curb stop repairs and/or replacement.
- 10) Oversee the maintenance and repair of all public buildings other than the schools.
- 11) Dead animal pick-ups as reported
- 12) Frozen water service calls as reported
- 13) Dig-Safe mark-outs
- 14) See-click-fix repairs/complaint response

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Stoneham Recreation department is to provide educational and enjoyable recreational programming for the youth, adults and seniors of the Stoneham community. The need for continuous growth and expansion of programs will complement the continued growth and recreational expectations of the Stoneham community. The department strives to work with the citizens of Stoneham to develop programming which will help enhance and encourage the sense of community within the town.

Department Overview:

The Stoneham Recreation Department is staffed with one full-time employee. The role of the Recreation Director is to design, construct and implement recreational programs for the members of the Stoneham community. Programs are based upon the needs and desires of the community and are offered for kids, adults and seniors in Stoneham. He also collaborates with different department heads and boards throughout the town to help to enhance and promote programs being offered for the Stoneham community.

The Recreation Director also handles the permitting for athletic fields and playgrounds overseen by the town. These fields include Recreation Park, Pomeworth Fields and Basketball Courts, Cerrone Park and AP Rounds Field. The Recreation Director also works closely with the Open Space and Recreation Committee in Stoneham. He attends monthly meetings with the group and addresses concerns about the open space in town and any ideas which may be brought forth by committee members.

Recreational Program Breakdowns:

Summer 2016

During the Summer of 2016, the Stoneham Recreation Department hosted 12 successful programs for the community of Stoneham. These programs included Archery, Fencing, Track, Lego Engineering, Physics Classes, Super Soccer Stars Training, Kids Cooking and Sandlot Sports programs.

Program	Male Participants	Female Participants	Total Participants
Kids Archery	1	3	4
Sports Zone 101	11	2	13
Fencing	2	1	3
Train for Track	3	3	6
Lego Engineers	6	1	7
Super Hero Physics	4	1	5
Kids Test Kitchen	5	3	8
KTK Session 2	9	9	18
SSS 2-3yr program	10	2	12
SSS 3-4 yr program	2	2	4
SSS 4-5 yr program	3	0	3
Adult Archery	1	2	3

Fall 2016

During the Fall of 2016, the Stoneham Recreation Department hosted 20 successful programs for the community of Stoneham. Programs included a variety of Kids Cooking Classes, Electronics for Kids, Kids Boxing, Kids Fitness, Fencing, Fishing Tutorial, Chemistry and Physics Class, Pickleball and Super Soccer Stars Training.

Program	Male Participants	Female Participants	Total Participants
SSS Session 1: 12m-24m	2	1	3
SSS Session 1: 2yr-3yr	9	3	12
SSS Session 1 : 3yr-4yr	15	6	21
SSS Session 1 : 4yr-5yr	5	1	6
SSS Session 2 : 2yr-2.5yr	6	1	7
SSS Session 2 : 3yr-4yr	8	2	10
SSS Session 2 : 4yr-5yr	5	0	5
Fishing Tutorial	14	5	19
Electronics 1	5	1	6
Electronics 2	2	3	5
Fencing	2	2	4
Master Chef Jr	0	18	18
Kids Holiday Cooking	3	8	11
Kid Test Kitchen 1	2	11	13
Kids Test Kitchen 2	2	9	11
Kids Boxing 1	4	5	9
Kids Boxing 2	4	1	5
Kids Fitness Demo	3	2	5
Pickleball	4	5	9
Spectacular Science	16	13	29

Department contributions towards community events:

- **Town Day** – The Stoneham Recreation department hosted a table at the annual Stoneham Town Day. During this event, kids were given an opportunity to win free prizes during a basketball competition. Kids were also provided with a “ball pit” to enjoy during the day.
- **Halloween Stroll** – The Stoneham Recreation department collaborated with the Board of Selectmen to offer free pumpkin carving and designing in the Town Common during the Halloween Stroll. The Department donated several pumpkins and design materials and aided kids as they created their own jack-o-lanterns to display.
- **Tree Lighting** – The Stoneham Recreation Department offered free craft activities for the community during the Chamber of Commerce tree lighting festivities. Families were able to work together to design their own holiday themed fridge magnets or tree ornaments.
- **Farmer Markets**- The Stoneham Recreation Department worked with the Stoneham Farmers Market to offer free recreation activities and competitions during three Farmers Markets during the Summer of 2016. Programs included demos of our Sports Zone 101 Classes and other recreational kids’ activities.
- **Crafts in the Common** – From July through October, the Stoneham Recreation Department offered free craft activities on Friday mornings on the Common and in Steele Playground. The craft program included activities such as painting magnets, designing door hangers and creating trick-or-treat bags.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT – SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

School Committee members for the year were Shelly MacNeill, Chair, David Maurer, Vice Chair, Marie Christie, Jeanne Craigie and Shawn McCarthy. After 18 years of service over three terms as a School Committee member, Jeanne Craigie did not stand for re-election in April and was replaced by Rachel Meredith-Warren. At the annual reorganization meeting in May, David Maurer was elected chair and Shawn McCarthy elected Vice Chair. The Student Representative to the School Committee was Jonathan Schores; and Tina Maurer was recognized as the recipient of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents outstanding senior award.

The operating budget for the fiscal year was \$25,888,516. A Special Town Meeting in February appropriated just over \$600,000 to replace the boilers at the Stoneham High School.

The Stoneham School Building Committee held its last meeting in August to close out the Stoneham Central Middle School project following the completion of punch list and site work items. The MSBA completed the project audit in June 2016 with a final commitment of \$ 21,222,603 of state funds to support the project. In April the School Committee and Board of Selectmen authorized the submission of a fourth Statement of Interest to the MSBA for a Stoneham High School renovation project.

Other significant activities during the year included the following:

- Maura Donoghue was welcomed as the new principal of the Robin Hood School;
- Approved a requested “Right of Entry” easement at the back of the Central Middle School as part of the Town’s Bikeway / Greenway project;
- Approved new contracts with the School Secretaries, School Cafeteria employees, School Administrators and School Paraprofessionals;
- Approved a one-year reduction in the Stoneham Theatre’s lease payment for the old wood shop at the High School;
- Recognized that the district was ranked 41st in the annual listing by Boston Magazine;
- Acknowledged that the 2015-16 year had the first increase in district enrollment since 2003-04;
- Adopted the first new Strategic Plan since 2006;
- Held a Bi-Board meeting with the Selectmen in September to discuss High School renovations, recycling, traffic issues in the south end of Town, and the Community Compact. The Committee later voted to request that the Selectmen fund a traffic study utilizing mitigation funds received from residential development projects in the area.
- Authorized the participation of Central Middle and High School students in the Communities That Care health survey, funded with a grant by Stoneham Bank;
- Revised the Committee’s policy on allergy awareness and food in the classroom following concerns raised by Robin Hood School parents;
- Reviewed the results of the district’s participation in the state’s new PARCC testing program at the elementary and middle school grade levels, noting that the High School and Central Middle School remained Level 1 schools in the state’s accountability system;
- Adopted a new physical restraint policy reflecting the new state law;
- Adopted a new school calendar that will have school be in session for a half day on Good Friday;

- Agreed to again lease the Colonial Park School to Stoneham Theatre for its summer program;
- Named the High School Driveway “Phil Riley Way” in honor of the former teacher and coach;
- Adopted a district budget that included instruction coaches in mathematics and instructional technology;
- Accepted a public report by Kara Showers (of the Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition), Liz Parsons (Mystic Valley Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator) and Colleen Good (High School staff) on the Communities that Cares survey;
- Awarded the boiler project to RDK Engineers as designers and E. Amanti & Sons as the general contractor;
- Welcomed David Ljungberg of Hopkinton as the new Director of Curriculum;
- Adopted the Suburban Coalition resolution encouraging the implementation of the Foundation Review Commission’s report;
- Authorized a new lease with SEEM Collaborative for the Old Central School for 2016-19;
- Adopted a policy establishing a maximum age for students.

Two distinctive recognition services were held during the year. First, the Committee recognized the following staff members who retired during the 2015-16 year:

Joanne Anselmi, Colonial Park Paraprofessional

Christine Collins, High School Teacher

Pati Corcoran, Robin Hood Secretary

Tricia DiPietro, High School Librarian

Jane Gagnon, High School Teacher

Mary Lou Gardner, Robin Hood Teacher

Kathy Judge, Central Middle School Teacher

Patty Messina, Director of Curriculum

Ann Nelson, Robin Hood Teacher

Carol Stratton, Robin Hood Teacher

Barbara Surabian, Colonial Park Teacher

Kris Toomey, Central Middle School Teacher

James Walker, South School Custodian

Second, the School Committee awarded Crystal Apples to the following supporters of the schools:

Tricia DiPietro, High School Teacher

Jennifer Krasco, South School Teacher

Mary Todd, Town Librarian

Rodger Windt, Director of Facilities

Patricia Wigandt-Condon, High School Teacher

COLONIAL PARK SCHOOL

Colonial Park continues to make gains in student learning and growth in English Language Arts. At the onset of the 2015-2016 school year, the Stoneham Public Schools hired a full time literacy coach to work with all three elementary schools. Collaboration with the literacy coach has enabled the entire elementary school community to reflect on our literacy instructional practices. In addition, we have been able to provide embedded professional development to teachers through coaching, modeling and direct professional development opportunities. An additional focus and area of improvement was the coordination between the three reading teachers through the guidance of the literacy coach and elementary principals. A new reading intervention program was purchased and successfully implemented for kindergarten - grade 2.

Another task successfully undertaken was improving our use of a benchmark reading assessment to analyze literacy assessment data. Through collaboration and critical data analysis, we are working together to tailor classroom instruction and literacy interventions to meet the individual needs of our students. These efforts have translated into increased student growth across all grade levels in the areas of reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Colonial Park continues to make gains in student learning and growth in math. Over the course of the 2015-2016 school year, teachers worked collaboratively to implement the newly adopted enVision Mathematics Program with fidelity. In the fall of 2015, all elementary school teachers implemented nonnegotiable best practices into mathematics instruction. In addition, teachers worked with the district's mathematics consultant to refine the use of the workshop model for mathematics instruction. A second focus of our work with the mathematics consultant was to provide staff with professional resources to build knowledge of small group, differentiated mathematics instruction. Finally, teachers successfully incorporated "Number Talks" into mathematics' lesson two-three times per week to teach students to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

Over the course of the 2015-2016 school year, the Colonial Park School has become 100% wifi compatible. Chromebooks and document cameras are available in 100% of our grades 1 - 4 classrooms. SmartBoard technology is available in 100% of our kindergarten - grade 4 classrooms. Our goal of integrating technology into the mathematics curriculum through the use of mobile devices in the classroom, mobile carts and computer labs has been completely met. Through training and the diligent work of the teaching staff technology is being utilized to enhance all academic areas.

Much work was undertaken this year to support and enhance the Colonial Park School community. A school jobs program for students in grades 3 and 4 was successfully launched. This program allowed students to take on responsibility for authentic school tasks, such as assisting kindergartners during dismissal, managing playground equipment and making signs and poster for communicating important events and messages.

During the 2015-2016 school year, Colonial Park School made progress in increasing awareness of all students about differences in our student body. In addition to direct instruction by classroom teachers, an enrichment program was utilized in grades 1 and 2 to teach students about physical disabilities. All students also participated in a school-wide program teaching about embracing differences as a strength and not a weakness.

The PTO continued to have a positive impact at Colonial Park School through providing a variety of field trips and in-school enrichments. Additionally, the community outreach committee continued its focus on coordinating events to support the community and charitable organizations. The committee met to review and plan events and sponsored many events to raise funds and awareness of important causes.

Lastly, the Colonial Park School and the Colonial Park PTO continue to foster partnerships with various businesses and organizations across the community, including but not limited to Stoneham Bank, Mystic Valley Elder Services, and the Harvard Pilgrim Foundation.

ROBIN HOOD SCHOOL

Robin Hood School opened the 2015-16 school year with 364 students in Preschool through Grade 4 and a new building Principal, Mrs. Maura Donoghue. Throughout the school year the Robin Hood School community worked tirelessly to offer students optimum opportunities for academic growth and ensure a smooth transition after long time Principal, Ms. Alice Reilly's retirement. Student growth and teacher development in three key areas were our priorities during the 2015-2016 school year. Our emphasis focused on the adoption of enVision Mathematics K-4 and Readers' Workshop and Writers' Workshop.

To ensure the smooth transition and adoption of the enVision Mathematics' Program, all Robin Hood teachers participated in a yearlong series of trainings at the school and district level. In collaboration with the Director of Curriculum, the elementary school principals across Stoneham and Looney Math Consultants, teachers across the district met monthly to perfect their practice and expand their own level of knowledge around Mathematics content and instruction. Teachers that piloted enVisions during the 2014-2015 school year also served as mentors for those just becoming familiar with the program. Teachers also worked closely with parents to assist families in managing the technological components of the program; as well as, the less familiar instructional strategies. To further enhance our Mathematics' instruction, all students in Kindergarten through Grade 4 participated in Pre and Post Mathematics Benchmark Assessments in the Fall of 2015 and the Spring of 2016. The data collected has enabled all Robin Hood teachers to strengthen their practice and further individualize student instruction.

Readers' Workshop instruction is grounded in the premise that teachers individualize instruction to meet students at their instructional level and assist them in achieving maximum growth. Building on work from previous years, benchmark reading assessment were administered throughout the year, specifically the DIBELS and the Fountas & Pinell. These assessments were administered in the Fall of 2015, and Spring of 2016 for students in Grades 1 through 4. The Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System provides information related to students' Reading Comprehension and Fluency when reading both Fiction and Non Fiction text. All students who did not meet grade level benchmarks in the fall were reassessed during the Winter benchmarking period, as well. Kindergarten students were assessed with this measure during the Winter 2016 benchmarking period and again in the Spring of 2016. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 were also assessed using the DIBELS 6th edition Benchmark Assessments in the Fall of 2015, Winter of 2016 and Spring of 2016. Students that did not meet grade level benchmarks in Grades 3 and 4 were also assessed using the DIBELS Benchmark Assessments. The DIBELS Benchmark Assessments analyze early literacy skills such as Letter Identification and Phoneme Segmentation; as well as expanding literacy skills such as reading fluency and comprehension. After each benchmark assessment window, classroom teachers met with the principal, Literacy Coach, Reading teacher, ELL teacher, grade level colleagues and Special Education teachers to review the data collected. These Data Meetings enabled the teams to analyze results, identify trends, plan for individualized instruction and develop targeted interventions.

Writing instruction was greatly enhanced this year by the addition of Susan Stibel, our Literacy Coach. Mrs. Stibel worked closely with the teachers and principals to realign the Writer's Workshop Units of Study at each grade level. The result has strengthened instruction and created more cohesion between our reading and writing curriculums.

Parental involvement continued to be an essential component of Robin Hood's school culture. Parents were regularly invited to participate in their child's education in several ways. All classes welcomed parents in during the year for a variety of special projects and at learning opportunities. Parents were invited in for writing conferences, classroom performances, author's breakfasts, Mystery Readers, and Science project presentations. In addition, parent volunteers were utilized and appreciated in both our library and our computer lab. Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) was very active this year. The PTO funded field trips at every grade level and brought several enrichment experiences to the school. Enrichment activities this year included Eyes on Owls, Discovery Museum's Bubbles Program, Curious Creatures, Electrical Gadgets, The Magic of Maps, Johnny the K, and author Jeff Nathan.

The collaboration between our school and the community continued to strengthen the experiences of both the staff and students at Robin Hood this year. In collaboration with the community at large, volunteers from the Mystic Valley Elder Services program worked closely with the Kindergarten and First grade students to further support literacy development in the classroom. Our third and fourth grade students also benefitted greatly from our collaboration with Stoneham Bank, which sponsored our Homework Club. Participation rates for Homework Club were at an all-time high, with over 110 students receiving support up to three days per week. Finally, several community service projects were incorporated into our students' academic experiences throughout the course of the 2015-2016 school year. Working with the Stoneham Food Bank, Salvation Army and Pennies for Patients; projects such as a school wide food drive, the giving tree, collecting pennies and writing letters to recipients of the Meals on Wheels Program allowed the staff and students to demonstrate our appreciation for all of the support we've received and give back to those in need in real and meaningful ways.

SOUTH SCHOOL

South School opened the 2015 - 2016 school year with 328 students in Kindergarten – Grade 4. There were 18 classrooms and over 40 staff members. Students were able to enjoy their second year of full time fine arts – music and art as well as our second year of full day kindergarten for all students.

The South School staff continued to focus on student growth in academics as well as the social/emotional needs of students. These needs were identified as goals in the School Improvement Plan (SIP). The key academic areas were ELA and Math instruction.

In the area of ELA an elementary Literacy Coach was hired to support K – 4 instructional staff in the implementation of Stoneham Public Schools literacy program. An equitable schedule was set up for the literacy coach to support all 3 elementary schools. The literacy coach provided ongoing professional development to support teacher implementation of units of study for both Reader's and Writer's Workshops. Formal and informal assessments were used to tier instruction in the classroom. In addition monthly meetings were held with the curriculum director, reading teachers and literacy coach to monitor the reading program. They participated in study groups reading 2 books to help support the interventions within each school. They selected the Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention program and implemented this curriculum into the small group instruction to support struggling readers. Professional development at all grade levels also focused on supporting the implementation of units of writing to address all 3 areas of writing: narrative, nonfiction/informational and opinion.

Elementary teachers implemented a new math program, enVisions 2.0 this school year. Training in the new program was provided by Pearson math personnel in the key elements of the program including assessment features, technology offerings and lesson components. Additional professional development was provided throughout the school year by Looney Math Consultants in the key components of the Math Workshop Model. The focus was on small group instruction and making sense of word problems. A set of best practices for teaching math were identified and shared with teaching staff.

WiFi was installed in South School and 5 chrome books were provided for each classroom in grades 1 – 4. Teachers utilized the chrome books for small group instruction and differentiation throughout the curriculum areas including reading, writing and math.

An elementary District Science Committee was formed and 5 teachers from South School participated on this committee. The Committee reviewed the Massachusetts Next Generation Science Standards and identified the standards for each grade level K – 4 and shared this information with the elementary staff in all schools. During the upcoming school year the committee will review and identify science materials to be piloted in the 2016 – 2017 school year.

The South School staff started a new initiative this school year and named it our Community Gathering. It is an opportunity for students and teachers to gather together and build a sense of full school community. The meetings were held monthly beginning in October. The focus of the gatherings were 5 Be Statements: Be Respectful, Be Kind, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be the Best You Can Be. Each month a different grade level led the gathering and

focused on interpreting one of the Be Statements. The staff and students wore South School apparel or blue on gathering days. In November the students nominated and voted on a school mascot – Lucky the Wolf because South School is a lucky place to be. Mrs. Elliott, the art teacher, designed our mascot and his portrait hangs in our school lobby. This initiative was embraced by students, staff and parents. All looked forward to our monthly gatherings.

School personnel continued to work collaboratively with the South School PTO to support students and their families. The PTO continued to work together to offer students enrichment programs to supplement the curriculum.

Some of the community outreach programs included Coats for Kids, Toys for Local Children, food drives at the holidays as well as fund raising events including Support our Troops, Pennies for Patients, and Relay Recess for Life.

In summary, the South School staff worked hard to implement the goals of the 2015 - 2016 School Improvement Plan. Strong progress was made towards all goal areas to the benefit of staff and students.

STONEHAM CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Stoneham Middle School is made up of grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. As of October 2015, the student population of 746 breaks down as follows: 159 students in grade five, 169 students in grade six, 205 students in grade seven and 213 students in grade eight. The schedule at the middle school engages students in more than 900 hours of time-on-learning. Core academic offerings include: English Language Arts, math, science, and social studies. Students participate in physical education, art, music, health, world languages (French, Spanish or Italian), reading/ study skills, math enrichment and instructional technology. Additionally, Stoneham Middle School offers chorus and band to its students during its Activity Block which meets every Day Two of its six day cycle. Students who do not choose to participate in these offerings take part in a directed study or peer tutoring.

In keeping with our mission to provide a safe and drug-free environment, we continue to keep an open line of communication with the police department.

The PTO funded several enrichment programs. The New England Aquarium spent a day with our seventh graders visiting tidal pools on Winter Island in Salem, Massachusetts. Grade five classes enjoyed a field trip to the Boston Tea Party and the State House. “The sixth grade went on a field trip to the Museum of Science in Boston. The eighth grade went to the Moakley Courthouse and the Museum of Fine Arts.

Through the generosity of local businesses and the hard work of our PTO, many initiatives were offered to our students. A three season, intramural sports program that was funded with the support of National Coalition Educational Cultural Programs provided the students an opportunity to participate in a variety of after school activities, including the Chess club, Current Events Club, Junior Great Books, Math Team, Walking Club, Science Club, Track, Project Adventure, and Cross Country. The Drama Program continues to flourish through a grant by Stoneham Business and Community Education Foundation. The students put on an outstanding performance of “Mid Eighties Nights Dream.” The art club and jazz band are two popular after school clubs thanks to the generosity of the SBCEF. In addition, we continue to build strong bonds between faculty and students through our teacher student basketball game and teacher student hockey game. The Hockey game raised over \$2000 dollars to help middle school families who are experiencing hardships.

The school-wide and grade-specific enrichment programs would not be possible without the fundraising and grant writing efforts of the Stoneham Middle School PTO and the support of our Stoneham Middle School families.

The Middle School continues to work toward “going green.” Student Advisory Council picks up all classroom recycle bins once a week. In addition, the students ran a food drive collecting and delivering over 90 cases of food to a local food pantry located at the First Congregational Church in Stoneham. A pajama day which students paid five dollars to wear pajamas raised fourteen hundred dollars with the proceeds going to the Community Outreach Committee of the PTO to buy presents for middle school students whose families are enduring financial hardships at the holidays. The students also raised two hundred dollars for the Jimmy Fund.

Grades 5 and 8 took the MCAS Science test. Grades 5 through 8 took the PARCC test in ELA and Math. All Massachusetts schools with sufficient data are classified into one of five accountability and assistance levels, with the highest performing in Level 1 and the lowest performing in Level 5. We are happy to announce that the Central Middle School was once again rated a Level 1 school.

The Middle School strives to provide quality instruction and to create multiple learning opportunities where students of diverse learning styles and abilities can be successful.

STONEHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Introduction

The enrollment at Stoneham High School on October 1, 2015 was 645 in grades 9 -12. This is an increase of 13 students from October 1, 2014. The size of the Class of 2016 remained the same, the number of students in the Class of 2017 decreased by 1, there were 2 more students in the Class of 2018 and 171 students enrolled as members of the Class of 2019. For the 2015-2016 school year, Stoneham High School welcomed eight new staff members: Nicole Bonneau, .4 adjustment counselor; Jennifer Boyd, health education teacher; Allison Capuano, transition specialist; Ronald D'Amico, paraprofessional; Michael Luyer, mathematics; Steven Puzikov, mathematics; Erin Wallace, Chemistry; and Lisa White, Biology.

During August and September, all freshman and junior students took the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Test (ImPACT) test. Having a baseline score recorded has been helpful when student sustains a head injury in or out of school.

Thirty-eight students from the sophomore or junior class participated in the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) testing during the month of October.

In August, peer leaders and SPARC leaders led revised tours for incoming freshman. These same student leaders participated in the annual SHS November Open House for current eighth graders at the Central Middle School and private schools in Stoneham.

In April, juniors had the opportunity to meet adults who hold a variety of positions in the Boston area during Career Day. Those who met with students have jobs in broadcasting, journalism, legal work, safety response, architecture, engineering, health care, personal care, business and many other professions.

All members of the Class of 2016 met the MCAS requirements for graduation. SHS staff continue to offer after school MCAS Prep courses in English, mathematics and science to help students pass the MCAS test.

The number of students taking advanced placement courses remains high. 137 students took 290 exams. The number of juniors accessing advanced placement courses remains consistent.

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) continues to be very popular among students and staff. Students are using the help of individual teachers as well as guidance, library and technology support staff during FIT.

Staff worked diligently throughout the year to prepare for the 2017 visit from a team representing the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. In addition to creating rubrics to measure the learning expectations of the new mission statement, seven (7) lengthy reports were written as part of the self-study process.

Unified Arts Department

Teachers in the Unified Arts Department participated in various professional development programs linked to food science, textiles and child development. In January, Mrs. Gayle Shea joined the staff and filled a vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Christine Collins at the end of the first semester.

Students in Sports and Entertainment Marketing participated in field trips including a visit to Patriot Place in Foxborough, MA and a tour of businesses in Salem, MA.

The Family Consumer Science Department offered several courses as semester electives that were year long classes and worked on testing the pacing guides teachers created the previous year. The semester courses in child development, fashion and food science proved to be helpful choices for students. Again this year, produce used in the culinary program during the fall is grown in the garden at the high school.

Fine Arts Department

Several art students participated in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, winning honorable mentions.

Nancy Dapkiewicz, middle school art teacher, had a selection of students' art work published in the book 500 Kids Art Ideas: Inspiring Projects for Fostering Creativity and Self-Expression by Gavin Andrews (2015).

The SHS Concert Band, led by Mr. Len Simboski, performed for Veteran's Day at the Stoneham Town Hall and at the All-Town Concert.

The SHS Jazz Band, led by Mr. Len Simboski, performed for Town Day at the Stoneham Town Common and at the UNH "Clark Terry" Jazz Festival, where Eddie Pizzano received an "Outstanding" soloist award.

Teachers in the Fine Arts Department participated in professional development programs through the Northeast Consortium for Staff Development and through various trade organizations.

The K-12 Fine Arts Program hosted a district-wide May Arts Festival, which was a tremendous success. It included artwork from students grades K-12, and music performances from the middle and high school chorales.

English

Middle school teachers continued to prepare students for PARCC writing questions (narrative, essay, research) based on last year's work. PARCC data was shared with teachers; some curriculum units were rescheduled to give students more time to prepare for the test. Teachers took professional days to grade common assessments and revise curriculum to make sure it is meeting MA State Curriculum Framework standards as well as to ascertain that it is both challenging and accessible to all students. Middle school teachers also strengthened grammar by adding in more standardized assessment type questions to their units.

PARCC: % of students who achieved scores of 4 & 5 (met/exceeded expectations):

- ✓ Grade 5 = 76%
- ✓ Grade 6 = 83%
- ✓ Grade 7 = 68%
- ✓ Grade 8 = 70%

Jillian Goldberg, who had taught the Grade 6 Study Skills class, moved into Grade 6 ELA after Kristine Toomey retired. Sarah Fennelly, a middle school reading/special ed teacher, moved into the Study Skills class position that was rescheduled for Grade 5. Kate Carter was hired in Grade 5 ELA/Social Studies to replace Kathy Judge who retired.

In grade 8, a Young Adult novel, Navigating Early, was added as a companion novel to The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, and a graphic novel for ELL and struggling students was added to accompany the study of Romeo and

Juliet. The literary magazine was again organized by Grade 8 ELA teacher, Erica Mayer. Grade 5 teachers added writing curriculum to Atlas over the summer. ELA teachers Barbara Padula and Sarah Fennelly offered a district-wide PD on the text *Readicide*.

At the high school, a graphic novel for ELL/struggling readers was added to the study of sophomore's *Macbeth*, and a new Young Adult novel, *Finding Henry David*, was added to the junior comprehensive curriculum. Rebekah Brooks continued to run the *Spartan Spirit* as an after-school, extracurricular activity. Freshmen and sophomores participated in the Shakespeare Festival and freshmen enjoyed in-school performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Shakespeare Now! Freshmen Honors students attended a performance of *1984* at the BU Theater. The Phil Riley Poetry Contest as well as outside contests offered many writing opportunities for all students. Seniors in the Creative Writing class interviewed senior citizens from the Stoneham Senior Center; the interviews were published in the local paper. Teachers took professional days to strengthen grammar units (specific SAT type questions are now required to be used by all teachers) as well as to analyze writing and curriculum to make sure it is both rigorous and accessible for all students. Some Atlas units/calendars were updated or revised.

MCAS

- ✓ 97% of sophomore students earned Advanced or Proficient compared to the state average of 92%
- ✓ 90% of sophomore students with disabilities earned Advanced or Proficient compared to the state average of 68%

Advanced Placement:

- ✓ AP Language and Composition (Grade 11): The number of students more than doubled this year from 37 students the previous year to 77 this year. 68% of students earned a passing grade of 3 or higher
- ✓ AP Literature and Composition (Grade 12): 64% of 27 students earned a passing grade of 3 or higher

With 70% of seniors taking the SATs, our critical reading and writing scores were above the national average, but both were below the state average.

The English Department focused on grammar and adapting to the vertical grammar chart (year 1 of a three-year process). All teachers were observed teaching at least one grammar/SAT lesson in grades 6-12; next year, each teacher will demonstrate two grammar lessons.

Mathematics

There were no staffing changes in the 2015-2016 school year for the mathematics departments at both Stoneham Central Middle School and Stoneham High School. We were fortunate to have all our teachers come back and remain healthy! The fifth grade teachers worked together over the summer to tweak their curriculum, now that they have been immersed in the MyMath program from McGraw-Hill for a year. We also worked with the English department to begin a summer school program in both mathematics and English Language Arts for middle school students.

PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) testing, which replaced the MCAS testing, continued at the middle school. The state lowered the number of days of testing so that it is taking place just once a year for mathematics. Most of the other requirements of the new test remained the same, such as calculator use and types of questions. The high school continues to have MCAS testing for sophomores. Passing this

test is a requirement for graduation. The middle school and the high school continue to be level one schools, which is the best, based on the state testing.

Technology use continues to increase in the mathematics department. It is used to supplement good instruction and not to supplant it. Kahoot has become a popular means for reviewing, based on student feedback. Jupiter grades, the online gradebook, was used again this year, making it possible for parents and their students to keep track of how they are doing in each class. All mathematics classrooms have SMARTBoards or Interactive Whiteboards, document cameras, and access to a cart of ipads or Chromebooks.

The high school and middle school math teams worked hard and did well this year. The high school math team had a new coach, Mr. Michael Luyet, and continued to build a stronger team. Team participants were Martynas Baranauskas, Robert Columbus, Zach Keegan, Anthony Maguzzu, Jess Su, and Steven Tran. Ms. Michelle Zavez remained the coach of both math teams in grades 5 through 8. Our congratulations go out to the SCMS Math Teams, which continue to do well. The SCMS math team finished first in its division of the Intermediate Mathematics League of Eastern Massachusetts, playing against Lynnfield Middle School, both of the middle schools in Reading, Austin Prep, Wakefield Middle School, and Melrose Middle School. This is the second year in a row that SCMS has come in first! Team members from SCMS included Joey Baliestiero, Jason Brown, Katrina Cabral, Meghan Cabral, Matthew Chan, Jon Cili, Max Davis, Timothy Doherty, Mehrob Fatemi, Nate Fotino, Amy Fung, Thomas Fung, PJ Galy, Marino Gennari, Gianni Gomez, Sam Hanna, Katrina Harte, Tara Harte, Fiona Ibrahim, Maya Ibrahim, Aaron Kwong, Lily LaFauci, Stephanie Lee, Trevor Lopinsky, Sophie McNally, Hunter Morgan, William Morong, Anika Nath, Judah Nossoughi, Gracie O'Connell, Sophia Perillo, Allyson Porter, Izac Qian, Rachel Qian, Christian Rodriguez, and Tanner Varney. Izac Qian received multiple awards for being the highest scoring eighth grader of all the eighth graders in every school in meets throughout the year. We wish to thank the school, parents, and Stoneham Bank for all the support they continue to provide.

Thirteen students took the Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus AB exam. One student earned the top score of five, two students earned a four, and four students earned a three, all of which are passing grades. The mean average of all the AP Calculus AB results was 2.46 and the median score was 3. With passing scores, these seven seniors have already completed a semester of a college Calculus course. Senior Tina Maurer earned the Stoneham Mathematics Medal for her efforts in Calculus.

MCAS and PARCC test results from spring 2016 have come in. In the high school, 89% of our students earned the desired score of proficient or higher on the MCAS, whereas only 78% of students in the state did so. In the middle school, 43% of our fifth grade students scored in the top two levels (out of five levels) on the PARCC exam. In the sixth grade, 50% of our students scored in the top two levels. In the seventh grade, 60% of our students scored in the top two levels. In the eighth grade, 70% of our students scored in the top two levels. The state did not supply the overall results, so we are unable to compare these PARCC results to the entire state.

At the high school, we are grateful for an MCAS preparatory course that was run after school, funded by the Academic Support Grant, a state grant. We thank the teachers who put in the extra time to teach these courses. We are especially grateful to the students who put in the extra effort by taking these courses and doing their best on these important exams.

Science

The Central Middle School Science teachers, grades 6-8, took their students on dynamic and interactive field trips last year thanks to the help of PTO funding. The sixth grade teams returned to the Museum of Science to explore the exhibits, get a personalized lesson and experience the Planetarium. The seventh grade teams worked with the New England Aquarium and to explore and learn about the sandy and rocky coast of Winter Island in Salem MA. Our eighth grade teachers continued the tradition of taking twelve female students to the W.I.S.E. (Women In Science and Engineering) conference at Salem State University. The girls spend the day participating in workshops run by female scientists and engineers.

The high school honors biology teacher, Geeta Barde, continued her association with the scientists from the Harvard University Outreach program who provided an “in house” field trip for our honors biology students in the field of biotechnology. Three of our senior (who had been trained by the program the previous summer), worked with the scientists to assist during the laboratory experience.

Our high school Astronomy class taught by Jon Roberts, developed an association with the Mars Student Imaging Project which involves creating research presentations for scientists associated with NASA and Arizona State University. Our student-selected research involved investigating Recurring Slope Linea which are seasonal features that are thought to possibly be made by liquid water flowing across the surface. A scientist at ASU was impressed with our student’s work, chose their project and used NASA’s Odyssey spacecraft to photograph one of our study areas.

Licensing was continued for our middle and high school teachers to use JogNog with their students in order to prepare for the 8th and 10th grade science MCAS tests. Stoneham continues to rank among the top schools for JogNog use in the state.

Teachers in the science department continue to implement the changes in the MA science standards. The NGSS will begin to be incorporated into our middle school science curriculum starting next year. Teachers took time during department meetings and early release days to make changes in their course outlines to reflect the new standards. They also chose a new text book, McGraw Hill’s iScience, which is written to include the ideas of the new standards and includes much needed online components and interactive white board lessons. The sixth grade incorporated the new text book first, the seventh and eighth grade classes will follow next year.

Our fifth grade MCAS scores were low this year with only 40% of students achieving advanced or proficient. Due to changes in the fifth grade science curriculum (teaching to the new NGSS standards) and lack of science education at the K-4 levels, these scores are going to continue to be lower than state average until changes are made to increase science instruction at the elementary level.

Our 8th grade MCAS scores dipped a little, but still stayed above state average, with 48% of our students achieving advanced or proficient.

Our 10th grade MCAS scores increased again this year with 56% reaching Advanced and 32% at Proficient. That is 88% of our sophomores at advanced or proficient!

AP Physics test underwent some changes that we are still adjusting to, so our average results reflected a few growing pains at 2.4. The AP Environmental Science scores were excellent and averaged out at 3.9, with three students scoring 5 and five students scoring 4. We also, for the first time, had a student take an online AP course in Chemistry and successfully score a 3.

Social Studies

During the past year, social studies teachers in grades five through twelve participated in many, varied professional development programs. Specifically, teachers focused on continuing the work of implementing document-based questions (DBQs) at each grade level in both the Middle and the High School. Teacher’s worked with trainers from the Chicago-based DBQ Project to develop grade level reading and writing instruction for students in grades 5-12. Also, teachers in the Social Studies Department participated for the fourth year in a consortium hosted by Primary Source, a Watertown-based global education professional development provider. Teachers attended several workshops, a monthly book group, and a summer institute facilitated by prominent local scholars. Teachers at the middle school worked on curriculum revision projects including the integration of the arts into the ancient civilization course in grade seven and the development of a new civics program for grade eight.

Students in social studies classes continued to perform well in the National History Day program at the school, state, and national levels. Three hundred and nine students participated in the NHD program at the tenth annual Stoneham High School History Fair. Twenty one High School and three Middle School projects moved on to compete

at the regional History Day competition in Winchester in March. Nine High School projects earned spots at the Massachusetts History Day state contest and three projects were chosen as National Finalists. Four students competed at the National Contest in College Park, MD in June. Stoneham High School hosted the Massachusetts History Day District Contest in March, bringing together the state's finest history students and their teachers.

Fifty eight students took the Advanced Placement United States History course and seventy five percent scored higher than a three on the corresponding AP United States History Exam. AP Psychology continued to be a popular course; sixty eight students took the course and the accompanying AP exam, with half earning a score of three or higher.

The Social Studies Department's Civic Awareness Campaign helped to place several students in internships with state and local political campaigns, helped students register to vote, participated in Student Government Day and nominated a recipient for Law Day.

Foreign Language

Many students took the Advanced Placement Tests for Foreign Language. Thirteen students took the Spanish Exam. Nine Students took the Italian Exam. Four students took the French Exam.

The Foreign Language Department has expanded to include Grade 5.

The Foreign Language Club currently has more than 30 members. The French Club currently has more than 60 members. Both clubs organize and participate in numerous monthly and bi-monthly activities. Many activities include attendance at cultural events, field trips, and community service projects.

The Foreign Language Department celebrated Foreign Language Week in March with various cultural activities. Many students and parents participated in the very successful culture evening, which included performances with singing and dancing,, food and games.

Many Italian students participated in Essay Contests this year; winning several monetary prizes.

TECHNOLOGY/INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Stoneham Public Schools are preparing students for life in a technology enriched world. The result of using technology to enhance the learning environment, is engaging learning experiences leading to better retention of information. Research shows that people are able to process visual information 60,000 times more quickly than textual information. So, what does this mean for education? It means that visual literacy is important for both learning and retaining information for real-world preparation in a digital society. Technology in the K-12 environment supports visual learning by making it easier for teachers and students to offer ideas, concepts, data and other information through images, symbols and maps.

The Technology Department implements and supports the technology needs for all school based stakeholders, from supporting the connections that manage our HVAC system and updating our cafeteria terminals to providing connectivity for our teachers and students to communicate in real time with classes and experts around the world. The Stoneham Technology Department focuses on providing current resources for all users.

This is accomplished by starting with a strong infrastructure. This year we installed wireless networks at the three elementary schools with access points in every classroom. Students and staff have wireless access for school owned devices throughout the district. This access allows for anytime, anywhere learning. Wireless capability also allows guests to our district to sign on and use the network for presentations and collaboration with others.

We also upgraded all network switches for greater throughput. This eliminates any bottlenecks in the local area network.

In order to take advantage of network upgrades, 150 desktop computers were replaced at the high school. All lab computers, including library machines, were upgraded as well as classroom desktops.

Google Apps for Education (GAFE) was introduced at every level of the district. All teacher email was switched to Gmail. Students in grades 4-12 have individual accounts. GAFE offers a collaborative educational space with Google Classroom. Google Classroom is a blended learning platform that allows for creation and sharing of documents and resources in a paperless environment. Through GAFE students are learning to collaborate online and organize data and resources in one location to create their own learning spaces. The use of this cloud-based tool is extending the school day. Students are taking quizzes in the evening, collaborating with other students, having online discussions, and asking questions of their teachers into the evening hours. In some instances, students are experiencing the “flipped classroom” where lectures are videotaped for review as homework. Students come to class asking questions about the lecture rather than leaving class with questions. This method allows students to review the videos as needed. Parents can also find value in the videos to help them to support their children in areas where they may be struggling.

To support the implementation of GAFE and EnVisions Math (introduced at the elementary level), Chromebooks were deployed at all grade levels. Each elementary classroom has 5 Chromebooks for student use. Students work in small groups to access the technology tools available in the math program. An additional 14 interactive projectors were installed at the elementary schools to complete the installations of this visual tool in every elementary classroom.

At the middle school, 6 carts of 30 Chromebooks were deployed. Teachers and students are using these devices throughout the day, every day. These small, quick, Internet connected devices are becoming a must have in the classroom.

Four carts were deployed to the core academic areas at the high school increasing access to all students. We plan to increase the numbers of Chromebooks next year.

A committee was created to research a new student information system (SIS). The SIS is the primary database used to collect demographic data, contact data, scheduling and grading data for both students and teachers. After demonstrations, site visits and many conversations, the committee chose PowerSchool as our next SIS. The conversion to PowerSchool was finalized by the start of school in September 2016.

Parents continued to have access to their children’s assessment information through Jupiter Grades until the conversion was completed.

To support teachers in their continued use of technology we offered a variety of GAFE courses. We also had a day of in-house technology conferences that took place at each school on our February professional development day. Over 24 sessions of teachers sharing technology successes took place across the district.

Technology teachers continue to adapt and update their curriculum. The elementary technology teachers re-wrote the technology curriculum during the summer of 2016 to align their content with the new MA Digital Literacy and Computer Science Frameworks. High school teachers wrote curriculum to add rigor and variety to our Computer Applications Course.

Since its opening, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) has been a focus at the Stoneham Central Middle School. To offer our elementary students an opportunity to prepare for this program, STEM Beginnings summer camp was offered for two weeks at the elementary level. We plan to offer more of these opportunities in the future.

In other technology classes across the district, students are creating presentations using audio, video, computer coding and other online resources. Assistive technology in the form of iPads and apps, adaptive keyboards and mice as well as augmentative communication devices are deployed to support every student in our environment.

The 2015-2016 school year was a very active year. We updated infrastructure, added new, flexible devices for learning, collaborating, communicating, and creating. We made an important choice in our student information system

and took the necessary steps to ensure the use of eRate funds for future upgrades. These are just a few highlights of the work done every day by our staff and teachers to utilize technology in meaningful ways.

We plan to continue to respond to changing technologies by updating and upgrading where necessary, by training teachers and students in the effective use of new tools and resources and by keeping our eye on the needs of our students as they move on in their academic and professional careers.

As always, I appreciate the support of our school community, our School Committee and the Stoneham Community. I thank you all.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

The Physical Education and Athletic Department conducts a variety of programs including, but not limited to, required Physical Education, Adaptive Physical Education, and an Interscholastic Athletic program. These programs were planned with attention to equal access to program offerings and facilities.

Our seven physical education teachers and one adaptive physical education teacher, grades K-12, follow the physical education curriculum and present the proper physical conditioning for appropriate activities as well as teach skills in a safe and sequential manner.

The current fitness testing program consists of the following:

- Screening test - grades K, 1, & 2
- Youth physical fitness test-grades 4, 5, 7, & 8
- Health-related test - grades 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, &12

Our objective is to combine assessment of our fitness program with practical follow-up on why and how to stay fit for a lifetime. The School Department web page has its foundation set to communicate to students and their parents more information about the testing.

Our athletic program is made up of 25 varsity interscholastic sports, 14 sports for the girls' program and 11 sports for the boys' program. In total, there are 46 high school squads including freshman, junior varsity and varsity. The overall goal of the athletic program at Stoneham High School is to provide equal opportunity for all student-athletes to reach their full potential as members of competitive teams. Each sport and each level of participation has specific goals and objectives which fit into the framework of the athletic program.

During the past 2015-2016 school year, 804 slots were filled by participants in our sports program (fall - winter - spring). In our senior class of 143 students, 84 students played a sport in their senior year (60% of the senior class involved in at least one sport their senior year). 112 students from the class of 2016 participated in at least one sport in their 4 year career at Stoneham High School; at 80% this number is pretty impressive, this percentage remained the same from the previous year.

2015 – 2016 Major Accomplishments

Fall Season: The new year started off with some outstanding team and individual success. Both Cross Country teams worked diligently to improve, but struggled with the team wins. The individual success continued to shine as both Jess Brown and Alex Censullo were named to the M.L all-star team. Field Hockey was also a hard working team that struggled with wins but continued to improve. Football had one of its most memorable seasons in a while as they captured the Div. 4 North championship and moved onto the Eastern Mass. Championship game where they lost to Holliston who went on to win the Super bowl. The golf team has some outstanding individual golfers as Cole DiGangi and Phil Conway lead the way and were selected to League all-stars. Our Boys soccer team continues to improve and

fight hard as they were able to scrap out 2 victories. The Girls on the other hand finished 6-10-2 and gave everyone a scare. They entered the tournament and lost in the first rd. to Bishop Fenwick 3-4. The swim team was an incredible group of individuals who continued to do great things such as the 200 medley qualifying for states, or swimmers such as Mackenzie Day, Emily Martin, Zack McCarville and Julia Rizzo all qualified for states in individual events. The volleyball team was in a difficult transition year, but the team worked hard and improved immensely.

Winter Season: Boys Basketball had a great year which was highlighted by a buzzer beating win over Watertown with a half-court shot by Sr. Nick Grace. The team qualified for the state tournament, led by team captain and leading scorer Devon Chase. The Spartans won their first Rd. game vs. Shawsheen Tech. Unfortunately they lost a tight game in Rd. 2 to Saugus. Girls' basketball played with all heart, as they out hustled every team they played. Their aggressive type of play unfortunately didn't turn into wins, but they improved as the season went on. Gymnastics is always a very competitive team and this year was no different they finished 3-4, but also had some outstanding individual accomplishments. Gianna Lanzillo led the team in almost every category and was closely followed by both Sydnie Epstein and Meghan Ribaud. Boys and Girls Indoor Track continues to bring in great participation and they enjoyed some incredible achievements. Alex Censullo led the team with great performances followed by an up and coming star in Jake Luongo and Matt Porter. On the girl's side of it, there was Emily Manfra, Kelsey Wodjokowski, Mari Avola and Brenna Crowley who shined as league all-stars. The high lite of a great winter season had to be both boys and girls hockey as both teams showed the Middlesex league that Stoneham Hockey is back. The boys qualified for the state tournament and fought hard in round 1 vs. a tough Lincoln Sudbury 3-1.

Spring Season: The spring season took a little dip for us in terms of wins and losses, but certainly not in kid's efforts and courage. The character and sportsmanship displayed throughout the entire sports program is something I was very proud of. The individual leadership and accomplishments were as good as any. Brandon Cann led the baseball team each game and was voted as the Boys Athlete of the year. Softball continued to improve and Taylor Schon and Domonique DelVecchio led the team with some outstanding performances. Boys and Girls Lacrosse continue to improve as they are still a relatively new program, but are now showing that they can compete in the league. Boys and Girls Tennis are both supporting some great individual tennis players who have made their mark in the league with Stefania Molinaro and Tim Russell leading the way. Boys Track had some great individual standouts in Michael Riley and Anthony Magazzu as they were named M.L All-stars. The girls track team led the spring teams in performances not only as a team where they were able to finish with a 4-2 record, but also with outstanding individual performances. Gianna Lanzillo who was named the girls Athlete of the Year, led the team on the track especially with her performance in the pole vault as she jumped 10'6".

What I am most proud of is that in each season Stoneham had 1 team recognized by the MIAA state association for sportsmanship. To start off the year the football team was recognize at Gillette stadium during the super bowl games as the sportsmanship award recipients. This was followed by the Girls Indoor track team who were honored at the state meet at the Reggie Lewis Center, and lastly in the spring our girls' softball team was honored at the state softball championship games as the sportsmanship recipients. Because of all these individual team recipients, we were then honored with the 2016 District B sportsmanship award, 1 of 6 that is given out in the state. We were honored in the fall 2016 season as we were invited to the MIAA sportsmanship summit held at Gillette Stadium.

Safety - Acknowledgements

Safety is an important part of our athletic program. The major items listed below are some of the highlights insuring the health and welfare of our student-athletes:

- students were equipped well for personal safety
- our equipment received proper maintenance
- our trainers from Advantage Sports Medicine provided excellent medical support to our students
- school maintenance workers gave careful attention to the condition of our fields for practices and games

- A cell phone communication system and emergency plan system is in place for the care of athletic injuries and emergencies. Our Athletic trainers are always equipped with a defibrillator as well as there being one in the gym lobby and one in the main entrance lobby.

Athletic Department – Acknowledgements

The biggest Thanks goes to Kathy Welch, the Athletic secretary. Kathy is an outstanding person with incredible work ethic. She keeps me and the department glued together.

The maintenance department worked diligently to keep up our athletic facilities both indoor and out. Thanks to Rodger Windt, Kevin Yianacopolus, and Charlie Freedman.

The youth programs around town all pitch in one way or another to help keep our athletic program afloat. For example, football, baseball, softball, and hockey held future Spartan events at our home games to bring in the support of our community. Most if not all youth programs are working very hard to help keep athletics alive and well in town and most have made donations in one way or another.

2015-2016 Athletic team overview

Sport	Season	Athletes	15-16 Record	Coach
Cheerleading	Fall	26	-	Jackie Keith/Jenn Farabaugh
Cross Country (B)	Fall	17	1-6	Jerry Bailey
Cross Country (G)	Fall	16	2-5	Kevin Norton
Field Hockey	Fall	28	3-14-1	Jill Adams
Football	Fall	59	6-5	Bob Almeida
Golf	Fall	14	6-7-1	Tom O'Grady
Soccer (B)	Fall	42	2-18	Jeff Kirkland
Soccer (G)	Fall	53	6-10-2	Sharon Chapman
Swimming	Fall	11	1-8	Alex Penacchio
Volleyball	Fall	53	3-13	Paul Hardy
Basketball (B)	Winter	34	7-13	Jim Bakeman
Basketball (G)	Winter	30	2-16	Randy Bennett
Cheerleading	Winter		-	N/A
Gymnastics	Winter	13	3-4	Annemarie McNeil
Ice Hockey (B)	Winter	41	11-7-2	Paul Sacco
Ice Hockey (G)	Winter	18	9-10-1	Colleen Martin
Track – Winter (B)	Winter	44	0-5	Kevin Norton
Track – Winter (G)	Winter	42	2-3	Jerry Bailey
Baseball	Spring	48	1-17	Kevin Yianacopolus
Softball	Spring	24	4-14	Tom Johnson

Tennis (B)	Spring	15	1-15	Jim Carino
Tennis (G)	Spring	24	0-16	Sara Swett-Zizzo
Track – Spring (B)	Spring	48	1-4	Kevin Norton
Track – Spring (G)	Spring	62	4-2	Jerry Bailey
Lacrosse (B)	Spring	19	5-11	Brian Nagle
Lacrosse (G)	Spring	23	3-13-1	Samantha Pandara
TOTAL PARTICIPATION			804	

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Special Education Department is responsible for supporting the education of students with special education needs who live in the town of Stoneham. As part of this effort we: (1) evaluate and assess students suspected of having a disability to determine if they meet eligibility criteria for special education services; (2) develop individualized educational programs (IEPs) for eligible students to provide access to a free and appropriate public education; (3) provide special education services as indicated in students' IEP's; and (4) periodically reevaluate student progress and determine if students continue to be eligible for services. Special education is provided to students who are determined to have one or more of the following disabilities, and whose disability is significantly impacting their ability to make effective progress in school: Autism, Developmental Delay, Intellectual Impairment, Sensory Impairment (Hearing, Vision and/or Deaf-Blind), Neurological Impairment, Emotional Impairment, Communication Impairment, Physical Impairment, Health Impairment, or Specific Learning Disability.

The Special Education Department adheres to the laws and regulations developed by state (MGL Ch. 71B) and federal (IDEA) laws governing the education of students with disabilities. Under these laws and regulations, schools are mandated to provide required services to eligible children between the ages of three and twenty-two in the least restrictive educational environment. In addition, early screening and evaluation procedures to determine eligibility for services can occur as early as two and one-half years of age.

General education and special education personnel continue to collaborate to meet the needs of all learners through building-based Teacher Assistance Teams. This process, under the direction of building Principals, can lead to accommodations to students' educational programs without the need for a referral to special education. These teams examine concerns regarding student performance and strategies which have been implemented to date, and make suggestions for additional strategies which could be implemented by general education personnel. Special educators can be actively involved in the process consulting with general education staff.

Stoneham Public Schools offers a continuum of special education services and is committed to serving students in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). According to this guiding principle, the District is required to maintain students as much as possible in general education settings with required supports. Special education personnel often provide specialized instruction to students within the general education classrooms as well as outside of the classroom.

In addition to special education teaching staff, related support service personnel also provide assistance to students. Such services include the areas of speech and language, hearing, vision, behavioral supports, counseling, physical and occupational therapies and adaptive physical education. All Team members work within an interdisciplinary approach to maximize effectiveness in accomplishing identified goals and objectives. Such an approach requires consultation among staff and participation in common planning activities.

Stoneham Public Schools also operates specialized classroom programs. These programs typically serve children with more intensive needs who often require instruction for a significant portion of their day outside of the

general education classroom. Currently we have classrooms to meet the needs of students with cognitive delays, students on the autism spectrum, and students with social/emotional needs, and students with significant language based learning disabilities. Special Education program staff work with general educators to ensure that students have access to the general education curriculum and opportunities for inclusion when appropriate.

The full continuum of special education services is also available to children beginning at 3 years of age. The Stoneham school district engages in proactive child find screening and evaluation activities to identify children who may exhibit an educational disability at an early age. Personnel work closely with early intervention service providers and families to ensure a smooth transition of services at 3 years of age.

Special education law also provides access to public school services to eligible students with disabilities who attend private school at their parents' expense. The Special Education Department contacts doctor's offices and schools in our area. Advertisements are placed in local newspapers and on cable television to ensure that the community is aware of the process for referring a child for a special education evaluation.

Stoneham Public Schools continues to maintain its membership with the SEEM Collaborative. This organization is a partnership among a group of communities to provide cost-effective programs for low incidence student populations who typically present with the most intensive needs. The Collaborative also provides specialized contractual services to support Stoneham with in-district programs, helps coordinate specialized transportation services, and provides ongoing professional development activities.

Graduation . . . Class of 2016

Alex R. J. Aborn *	Steven L. Clemens *
Alex B. Aidonidis	Noah Murphy Coccoluto *#
Deshawn J. Alford	Richard Carmine Colarusso *#
Dallas L. Analetto	Alizandra M. Colindres
James R. Anderson Jr	Robert A. Columbus *
Tess Angelosanto	Rebecca J. Colwell *#
Vanessa Rose Aresco	Nathan A. Cox
Lexi M. Argyropoulos *	Nicole M. Cronin *#
Tayla M. Arone *	Juliana G. Culhane
Olanike Esther Asupoto *#	Massimo E. Cutone
Nicole L. Auriemma	Kevin Patrick Dalton *#
Martynas Baranauskas *#	Troy C. Degnan
Madison G. Barry	Dominique C. DelVecchio *#
Salvatore C. Bettano	Angelina Marie DeVincent
Justin John Bettencourt *	Gianna C. DiMasse
Joseph Bettinelli	Anthony DiVirgilio *
Meredith A. Bilbo	Ashley Elizabeth Doherty *
Delaney Rose Borenstein	Edward A. Doherty IV *#
Robert Edward Borenstein *#	Jennifer Rose Drohan
Lydia Rose Bosque-Hamilton *#	Sydney H. Epstein
Taylor Jacome Branco	Katharine Elena Frazier
Alexis Audrey Brown *	Catherine Frances Fulgione *

Jessica Marie Brown *#
 Tyler Jon Brown
 Nicholas P. Caissie
 Saige M. Calkins *#
 Brandon Ralph Cann *
 Courtney Elena-Claire Casavant*#
 Ottavio A. Casciato
 Alexander S. Censullo *#
 Brittany Marie Chaves
 Zachary Angelo Ciampolillo
 Rebecca A. Cicatelli *
 Janelle L. Clark
 Mary Nicole Iula
 Jerry Jacques Jr
 Kasey E. Jordan
 Kena E. Kadima
 Daniel C. Keating
 Maeve Denise Kelly
 Alexandros Keskinidis
 Megan S. Laham *#
 Samantha Deanne Lamothe *#
 Victoria Lynn Landry
 Gianna D. Lanzillo *
 Daniel P. LaRicca *
 Matthew D. Laskey *
 Pui Yee Sarah Torreno Law
 Alyssa C. Lodi
 Alison C. LoPilato
 Kyle T. MacKay
 Brendan J. Maida
 Meghan Alyssa Malone *
 Emily Rose Manfra *#
 Scott A. Marino Jr
 Shannon Colleen Marks
 Domenic W. Martiniello
 Tina Elizabeth Maurer *#
 Brianna Nicole McCarthy *#
 Grace M. McConnell
 Caitlin Rose McLaughlin
 Erin F. McNamara
 Emma F. McNulty
 Nicholas Souza Medeiros
 Nicholas D. Meoli

Morgan M. Gerrior
 Brian Ghannam
 Kalee E. Gorman
 Lauren Elizabeth Gorse *
 Nicholas J. Grace *#
 Gilbert A. Green III
 Michael Donovan Green *#
 Jeffrey Yin Hom
 Dillon J. Horgan
 Daniel R. Hudson
 Katherine Sue-Kyung Im *
 Gabriella Ingianni
 Brendan P. O'Neil
 Henderson Pierre-Louis
 Ashley Elizabeth Pignone
 Benjamin O. Rafla *#
 Catherine Noelle Rappa *
 Muhammad B. Raza
 Jennifer Nicole Romero
 Alexander Robert Sacco *
 Mikayla Christina Saia
 Giuliana Rosa Sannella *
 Israel Santiago
 Elise Rose Scalfani
 Taylor Marie Schon *
 Jonathan Mark Schores *#
 Michael D. Scippa
 Mathangi Shan
 Alexander Gerald Shipp *#
 Katrina Lyn Skidmore *
 Talia N. Sousa
 Jacob P. Souza
 Rosemary B. Spinelli
 Michael J. Stelmack
 Sarah Michele Stockbridge *
 Katherine Rose Stumcke *
 Elizabeth Anne Sutherby *
 Daniel A. Sweet
 Brendan C. Tarmey *
 Andrew J. Tufts
 Vanessa M. Tufts
 Whitney Nikhita Villagran *
 Elizabeth Sarah Witherell

Maxwell Louis Messina
Adrianna M. Meuse
Jakob Ethan Michaels
Stefania Amalia Molinaro *#
Allison Leigh Morse *#
Weslyn Noel
Cory Charles O'Brien

Kelsey Ann Wojdakowski *
Edward Honman Ye *#
Michelle Yip *
Erminia Grace Yoder *
Samantha Jo Young*

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In fiscal year 2016, the Town of Stoneham's general fund operations generated a surplus of approximately \$1.0 million. Actual revenues for local receipts, such as, motor vehicle excise tax, as well as licenses & permits, exceeded estimated amounts by \$1.5 million. In addition, departments, collectively, had budget returns totaling more than \$369,000 at the end of fiscal year 2016.

FY16 free cash certified by the Department of Revenue as of 7/1/16 totaled \$788,182. At the October 17, 2016 Special Town Meeting, the Town voted to use most of the fiscal year 2016 free cash to fund various Town needs such as capital purchases, various ongoing legal expenses, and increased trash disposal and recycling costs.

The Town was able to continue building its reserves with the remaining FY16 free cash of \$168,184, which was transferred equally into the General Stabilization Fund (\$84,092) and the Capital Stabilization Fund (\$84,092). This transaction brought the current balances in these two rainy day accounts to \$2,750,859 and \$320,685 respectively. The General Stabilization Fund is important so that the Town can deal with unexpected budget increases or unanticipated revenue reductions. The Capital Stabilization Fund will help eliminate the need to borrow for small capital items. Both of these Funds are looked at by bond rating agencies and will, most likely, lead to a higher bond rating if the balances in these reserve funds meet a certain level, which is about ten percent of the General Fund budget. In order to achieve this objective, the combined balance in these reserve accounts should be greater than \$6 million.

The Accounting Department had a very successful fiscal year 2016 and continues satisfying its many responsibilities, including accounts payable, payroll, employee accruals, vendor maintenance and providing various user groups, such as, banks, vendors, taxpayers, local officials, creditors, auditors, and bond rating agencies with timely records, reports and other information. Not only does the Accounting Department perform these important functions, but it is also the primary "financial watchdog" which oversees internal controls and protects the Town's assets. Every year the Accounting Department undergoes an audit by an independent auditing firm, which confirms that the proper safeguards are in place, and that the information generated by the Accounting Department is accurate, reliable, and are in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws and GAAP. I am proud to say that there hasn't been any findings that would cause the auditors to form a negative opinion on the Town's financial statements.

Keeping pace with all these demands would not have been possible without the help of my staff, Patricia Queeney and Karen Brown. I am very grateful for all their hard work this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald L. Piatt
Town Accountant

TOWN CLERK

We began the year by sending out the Annual Street List to over nine thousand households in Stoneham and processing them as they were returned. The number of registered voters in Town increased by more than 1,100 from 2015. We ended 2016 with a total of 16,333 registered voters after seeing an increase in voter registration prior to the Presidential Election. The total number of voters is made up of 4,903 registered Democrats, 1,772 registered Republicans, 8 registered in the Green-Rainbow party, 108 registered in the United Independent Party and 9,499 Unenrolled voters (those voters not registered in a specific political party or political designation-formerly known as Independent). There were 43 voters registered under party designations. (Designations are often formed around a particular cause or ideology, are not considered officially as parties and do not have primaries).

As far as elections go 2016 was a very busy year. We started with the Presidential Primary in March when 7,849 voters cast their ballots. Our Annual Town Election brought 2,279 residents out to vote. In September 1,590 people cast ballots in the State Primary. Massachusetts had Early Voting for the first time in 2016. Voters were able to come in from October 24th through November 4th to cast their ballots for the Presidential Election. We had over 4,600 choose to vote early. We thank them all for their patience as we felt our way through this unknown process. Next time we'll know much better what to expect. Our election season finished with a total of 13,293 voters casting ballots for the in the Presidential Election.

In March 2016, we held a Special Town Meeting to address a boiler need at Stoneham High School with 113 voters in attendance. The Annual Town Meeting in May along with a Special within the Annual brought out 197 voters to act on an Annual warrant of 24 articles and three on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. The Special Town Meeting held annually in October brought out 138 voters to act on 18 articles.

In 2016 the Town Clerk's office recorded and reported 256 resident births, 290 deaths and 102 marriages to the State Registry of Vital Records & Statistics.

The Town Clerk's Office had hundreds of over the counter and mail in transactions. For the calendar year we took in almost \$112,000 in revenue.

Our Elections & Registration staff members/passport acceptance agents Carolyn Auriemma, Sandy Snyder & Barbara McLaughlin executed 1027 passport applications in 2016. This, along with 524 passport photos taken, brought in over \$33,000 of the revenue for the calendar year.

Once again, I would like to thank the office staff, Assistant Town Clerk Carolyn Auriemma, Barbara McLaughlin, Michelle Meagher and Sandy Snyder for all of their hard work. As always, they conducted themselves as professionals, maintaining the integrity of the office and acting in the best interest of the Town of Stoneham and our residents. A special thank you to my staff and resident John Rolfe for all of their hard work during the early voting period.

We look forward to serving you in 2017.

Respectfully,



Maria Sagarino
Town Clerk

TOWN OF STONEHAM
TOTAL TALLY SHEET
MARCH 1, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

# Eligible Voters	15,567
Total Votes Cast	7,849
Percent	50.4%

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
Democrat	641	720	759	582	630	657	657	4,646
Republican	370	418	504	468	534	461	435	3,190
Green-Rainbow	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
United Independent Party	1	2	0	1	4	1	1	10
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1,012	1,141	1,263	1,051	1,168	1,120	1,094	7,849
DEMOCRATIC PARTY								
Presidential Preference								
Blanka	3	5	12	2	3	2	2	29
Bernie Sanders	293	364	322	263	289	300	332	2,163
Martin O'Malley	2	2	1	6	6	1	5	23
Hillary Clinton	335	341	404	300	313	342	301	2,336
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	0	3	3	3	2	1	1	13
No Preference	5	2	14	7	15	10	10	63
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donald Trump	2	3	2		2	1	5	
Mitt Romney	1							
Marco Rubio			1				1	
John Kasich				1				
TOTAL	641	720	759	582	630	657	657	4,646
State Committee Man								
Blanka	251	252	280	203	237	247	239	1,709
Ben Tafuya	390	468	479	379	393	410	418	2,937
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	641	720	759	582	630	657	657	4,646
State Committee Woman								
Blanka	228	244	266	176	208	238	233	1,593
Kathleen Manning Hall	413	476	492	406	420	418	423	3,048
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caroline Colarusso			1		2	1	1	
TOTAL	641	720	759	582	630	657	657	4,646
Democratic Town Committee								
Blanka	15,693	16,471	18,723	13,705	14,972	15,898	15,402	110,864
Charles F. Houghton	271	305	338	254	292	257	294	2,011
Maureen E. Houghton	259	305	324	249	268	258	286	1,949
Cheryl M. Sanders	238	283	262	234	236	244	271	1,768
James C. Sinclair	243	273	261	219	244	244	259	1,743
Jean Megan Day	259	308	292	242	279	293	292	1,965
Diana L. Cooper	232	273	270	223	228	238	249	1,713
August S. Nieuwenhuis	241	280	266	228	256	236	261	1,768
Joan M. Quigley	249	281	266	235	249	258	269	1,807
David R. Adamson	222	258	248	217	240	238	248	1,671
Thomas H. Boussey	244	292	286	234	251	274	280	1,861
Maria Silvaggi	232	278	261	226	239	252	262	1,750
John M. Silvaggi	226	265	248	219	226	235	252	1,671
Shelly A. MacNeill	254	305	301	246	278	278	311	1,973
Joseph P. Calazzo	224	267	295	233	244	245	267	1,775
Justin R. DeFilippo	224	276	279	236	241	239	254	1,749
Richard D. Mangerian	231	271	267	225	242	246	271	1,753

Wendy W. Warren	248	298	285	240	256	273	279	1,879
John Warren	233	291	279	235	253	258	276	1,825
John F. DePinto	252	300	316	245	273	275	283	1,944
Paul E. Means	270	285	307	244	257	251	266	1,880
John P. DeAmicis	220	264	250	216	232	240	255	1,677
Richard J. Panaccione	222	265	264	217	234	234	256	1,692
Madeline C. Panaccione	225	270	268	223	236	243	255	1,720
Denise J. Healy	236	284	261	238	249	249	260	1,777
Martha C. Panther	231	272	270	226	231	237	265	1,732
Michael Seamus Day	274	323	318	259	299	318	309	2,100
Mariregis R. Fusco	228	270	257	223	233	240	258	1,709
John Fusco	238	275	263	226	238	237	261	1,738
Write-in Winner								0
Write-in Winner								0
Write-in Winner								0
Write-in Winner								0
Write-ins All Others	11	6	5	13	4	7	9	55
TOTAL	22,430	24,394	26,530	20,230	21,980	22,995	22,960	161,519
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL

	REPUBLICAN PARTY							
Presidential Preference								
Blanks	0	1	1	1	1	4	1	9
Jim Glimore	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
Donald J. Trump	226	254	295	263	302	242	235	1,817
Ted Cruz	40	22	31	42	50	37	27	249
George Pataki	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	4
Ben Carson	1	7	7	6	12	9	5	47
Mike Huckabee	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	5
Rand Paul	0	5	2	0	2	0	1	10
Carly Fiorina	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	4
Rick Santorum	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Chris Christie	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	8
Marco Rubio	39	53	78	81	70	74	74	469
Jeb Bush	3	1	5	3	5	8	7	32
John R. Kasich	55	67	78	67	82	83	80	512
No Preference	4	4	1	0	4	0	2	15
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitt Romney	1	1				1		
Hillary Clinton					1			
TOTAL	370	418	504	468	534	461	435	3,190
State Committee Man								
Blanks	94	97	140	117	128	110	114	800
Robert E. Aufero	179	216	256	227	295	240	211	1,624
David D'Arcangelo	97	105	108	124	111	111	110	766
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	370	418	504	468	534	461	435	3,190
State Committee Woman								
Blanks	46	55	56	43	34	48	47	329
Caroline Colarusso	266	299	385	357	422	336	320	2,385
Alice K. Shattuck	58	64	63	68	78	77	68	476
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	370	418	504	468	534	461	435	3,190
Republican Town Committee								
Blanks	9,525	10,442	13,615	12,490	14,157	11,989	11,186	83,404
Caroline Colarusso	232	241	315	299	379	294	271	2,031
Paul A. Armano	108	112	126	117	138	138	141	880
John A. Eaton	98	111	121	111	127	141	127	836
Wendy L. Pignone	143	134	151	153	186	158	161	1,086
Phyllis M. Shea	115	123	114	120	130	124	127	853
Kathleen Bardell	105	115	123	115	135	126	120	839
Debra J. Pignone	141	127	161	161	173	158	141	1,062
Elaine T. Brown	102	110	120	122	133	117	118	822
Mary L. Bracciotti	127	130	147	156	156	147	141	1,004
Joseph Anthony Colarusso	135	136	175	156	202	157	157	1,118
Anthony Colarusso	134	138	170	157	208	156	157	1,120
Joseph R. Colarusso	137	136	162	157	211	160	156	1,119
Gina M. Sgarzi	106	124	123	123	150	123	121	870
Regina S. Bautista	101	111	117	109	128	118	121	805
George Georgountzos	112	123	129	122	145	188	145	964
Rita G. Covelle	107	115	129	126	141	131	131	880
Gordon E. Perks	99	118	117	120	121	121	121	817
Lawrence C. Allen	101	116	117	115	123	132	123	827

Christopher C. Cinella	105	120	126	114	130	146	130	871
Ralph J. Laurentano, Jr.	106	118	123	121	148	127	128	871
Robert G. Lehmann	96	113	116	112	126	118	118	799
Michael Sypher	97	110	115	109	115	113	117	776
Russell E. Wilson	101	116	121	115	125	127	128	833
Nancy M. Howard	105	109	114	108	137	118	121	812
Jordan R. Howard	102	107	115	105	128	114	116	787
Gabriella Howard	101	109	112	106	133	118	117	796
Luisa Johnson	98	121	113	108	116	115	119	790
Steven E. Johnson	100	127	113	112	122	117	121	812
Maureen H. Slater	102	115	120	115	128	118	119	817
David R. Howard	106	111	116	114	128	116	120	811
Write-in Winner								0
Write-in Winner								0
Write-in Winner								0
Write-ins all others	3	2	4	12	11	10	6	48
TOTAL	12,950	14,140	17,640	16,380	18,690	16,135	15,225	111,160

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY								
Presidential Preference								
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sednam K. C. M. Curry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jill Stein	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
William P. Krenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Darryl Cherney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
State Committee Man								
Blanks	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
State Committee Woman								
Blanks	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Town Committee								
Blanks	0	10	0	0	0	10	10	30
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	10	0	0	0	10	10	30
UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY								
Presidential Preference								
Blanks	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
No Preference	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hillary Clinton		1				1		
Donald Trump		1					1	
Bernie Sanders					2			
TOTAL	1	2	0	1	4	1	1	10
State Committee Man								
Blanks	1	2	0	1	3	1	1	9
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	1	2	0	1	4	1	1	10
State Committee Woman								
Blanks	1	2	0	1	3	1	1	9
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	1	2	0	1	4	1	1	10
Town Committee								
Blanks	10	20	0	9	40	10	10	99
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	10	20	0	10	40	10	10	100

**MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Stoneham High School Auditorium, 149 Franklin Street, on Monday, March 14, 2016**

at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles of this Warrant:

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering Stoneham High School and the checklist showed 113 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Lawrence Means at 7:03 PM. Moderator Lawrence Means led the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting began.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow according to any applicable statute, a sum of money for the replacement of the boilers and related equipment at the Stoneham High School, including engineering, demolition, and other related services, or to do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 1. **Voted** that the town transfer \$607,582.56 from fund 4202, sale of town property, for the replacement of the boilers and related equipment at the Stoneham High School, including engineering, demolition and other related services.

Passes Unanimous

Motion to Dissolve

Meeting dissolved at 7:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Maria Sagarino, Town Clerk

APRIL 5, 2016 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION TALLY								
Office/Candidate								
Board of Selectmen (2)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	89	96	125	77	123	107	105	722
John F. DePinto	88	108	143	75	141	90	124	769
Frank A. Vallarelli	116	108	151	99	151	102	130	857
George E. Seibold	127	131	204	138	204	128	160	1092
Anthony W. Wilson	122	153	170	129	171	183	178	1106
Write-in	4	2	1	2	0	2	1	12
Total	546	598	794	520	790	612	698	4558
								4558
Town Clerk	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	69	69	85	56	97	80	77	533
Maria Sagarino	201	226	311	202	297	224	271	1732
Write-in	3	4	1	2	1	2	1	14
Total	273	299	397	260	395	306	349	2279
								2279
School Committee	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	36	28	34	31	44	23	42	238
Rachel Meredith-Warren	184	195	248	166	236	193	221	1443
Michael Sypher	53	76	115	61	115	89	85	594
Write-in	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	4
Total	273	299	397	260	395	306	349	2279
								2279
Planning Board	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	76	81	100	76	104	100	83	620
Joseph W. Rolli	195	217	297	182	289	203	264	1647
Write-in	2	1	0	2	2	3	2	12
Total	273	299	397	260	395	306	349	2279
								2279
Housing Authority	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	53	56	77	41	50	73	58	408
Gerard J. Cunningham	90	101	163	86	154	86	126	806
Carol Mustone	130	142	157	131	190	146	165	1061
Write-in	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	4
Total	273	299	397	260	395	306	349	2279
								2279

Board of Assessors	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	48	55	50	39	50	40	55	337
Anthony C. Kennedy	134	149	231	115	181	149	143	1102
Albert L. Lanzilli	91	95	116	104	164	117	151	838
Write-in	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total	273	299	397	260	395	306	349	2279
								2279
Board of Health	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	99	91	120	82	119	89	107	707
Teresa M. Dean	174	206	276	176	275	216	241	1564
Write-in	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	8
Total	273	299	397	260	395	306	349	2279
								2279
Library Trustees (2)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	367	379	520	332	515	396	448	2957
Susan Waldman Fixman	174	210	269	181	270	208	242	1554
Write-in	5	9	5	7	5	8	8	47
Total	546	598	794	520	790	612	698	4558
								4558

Minutes for Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street, on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of this warrant:

Article 1. To choose the following officers:

Two (2) Selectmen for three (3) years. **George Seibold & Anthony Wilson**

One (1) School Committee Member for three (3) years **Rachel Meredith-Warren**

One (1) Board of Health Member for three (3) years. **Teresa Dean**

One (1) Planning Board Member for five (5) years. **Joseph Rolli**

One (1) Board of Assessors Member for three (3) years. **Anthony Kennedy**

One (1) Housing Authority Member for five (5) years. **Carol Mustone**

Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years. **Susan Waldman Fixman & Vacant**

One (1) Town Clerk for three (3) years. **Maria Sagarino**

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting shall be adjourned to meet in the Town Hall at 7:00 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 2, 2016, in accordance with provisions of Article II, section 2-3 of the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham.

Tellers were appointed and the checklist showed that voters were in the meeting. Moderator Larry Means lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Means recognized the passing of retired DPW employee John Tamburrini, lifelong resident Anne Leydon and firefighter Eric Bernat with a moment of silence. Moderator Means also welcomed the newly elected Selectmen George Seibold and Anthony Wilson, School Committee member Rachel Meredith-Warren, Housing Authority member Carol Mustone and Planning Board member Joe Rolli. The meeting was called to order in the Town Hall Auditorium at 7:03 PM and the reading of the warrant was waived.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. **Voted** that the Town choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Passed per Moderator

Article 3. To hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. **Voted** that the Town accept the reports of Town officers and Committees as presented in the Annual Report.

Passed per Moderator

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

Town Moderator	\$0
Board of Assessors	\$1,200
Board of Selectmen	\$3,000
Town Clerk	\$68,641

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. **Voted** that the Town fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

Town Moderator	\$0
Board of Assessors	\$1,200
Board of Selectmen	\$3,000
Town Clerk	\$68,641

Passed per Moderator

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the authority granted under Massachusetts General Laws, including Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, to establish a Revolving Fund for the purpose of receiving revenues and making disbursements in connection with a Recreation Department and activities pursuant thereto, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. **Voted** that the Town vote pursuant to the authority granted under Massachusetts General Laws, including Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2, to establish a Revolving Fund for the purpose of receiving revenues and making disbursements in connection with a Recreation Department and activities pursuant thereto, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Director, not to exceed \$200,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund.

Passed per Moderator

Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for the Farmers' Market to cover costs associated with this programming, and authorize expenditures by Town Planner, not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing account (Fund #3460) into the authorized Revolving account, or anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. **Voted** that the Town authorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for the Farmers' Market to cover costs associated with this programming, and authorize expenditures by the Town Planner, not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing account (Fund #4360) into the authorized Revolving account.

Passed per Moderator

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53EYi, for the purpose of using receipts generated from photocopying services offered to the public at the Stoneham Public Library to pay for the lease of the photocopier and copy paper and authorize expenditure by the Stoneham Public Library Director, not to exceed Three Thousand Dollard (\$3,000) during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. **Voted** that the Town authorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from photocopying services offered to the public at the Stoneham Public Library to pay for the lease of the photocopier and copy paper and authorize expenditure by the Stoneham Public Library Director, not to exceed Three Thousand Dollard (\$3,000) during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund.

Passed per Moderator

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for public health services to cover the costs of these services, and authorize expenditures by the Board of Health, not to exceed \$50,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. **Voted** that the Town reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for public health services to cover the costs of these services, and authorize expenditures by the Board of Health, not to exceed \$50,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Passed per Moderator

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the Senior Center building to help pay the cleaning, utilities and maintenance costs of the senior center, and authorize expenditures by the Council on Aging Director, not to exceed \$30,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. **Voted** that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the Senior Center building to help pay the cleaning, utilities and maintenance costs of the senior center, and authorize expenditures by the Council on Aging Director, not to exceed \$30,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Passed per Moderator

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for outings and transportation services at the Senior Center to cover costs associated with these outings and providing these transportation services, and authorize expenditures by the Council on Aging Director, not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. **Voted** that the Town reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for outings and transportation services at the Senior Center to cover costs associated with these outings and providing these transportation services, and authorize expenditures by the Council on Aging Director, not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Passed per Moderator

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the Fire Station to pay the utility, cleaning and maintenance costs, and capital improvements of the Fire Station, and authorize expenditures by the Fire Chief, not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. Voted that the Town reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the Fire Station to pay the utility, cleaning and maintenance costs, and capital improvements of the Fire Station, and authorize expenditures by the Fire Chief, not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Passed per Moderator

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, such sums as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including debt and interest and a reserve fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Motion made by Susan Keeler 22 Butler Ave to amend Exhibit A of Article 12 as follows:

For line 122 replace \$82,232 from personnel column with \$51,241

And replace \$92,232 from total column with \$61,241

For line 400 replace \$974,494 from personnel column with \$984,494

Replace \$951,023 from operating column with \$956,023

Replace \$1,925,517 from total column with \$1,940,517

On total budgets line

Replace \$12,122,759 from personnel column with \$12,101,768

Replace \$58,978,571 from operating column with 58,983,571

Replace \$71,101,330 from total column with \$71,085,339

**Motion to Amend Article 12
Fails per Moderator**

Article 12. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, the sum of Seventy-One Million One Hundred One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$71,101,330) to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including the Town operating budget for the year beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; said sum as itemized on Exhibit A.

Passed per Moderator

Article 12 Exhibit A DEPARTMENT	FY17 BUDGET		
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
114 Town Moderator	\$0	\$220	\$220
122 Board of Selectmen	\$82,232	\$10,000	\$92,232
123 Town Administrator	\$347,711	\$42,500	\$390,211
132 Reserve Fund	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
135 Town Accountant	\$178,740	\$5,550	\$184,290
141 Board of Assessors	\$131,204	\$4,600	\$135,804
145 Treasurer	\$252,916	\$18,350	\$271,266
151 Town Counsel	\$111,283	\$6,725	\$118,008
155 GIS/MIS	\$149,668	\$130,802	\$280,470
161 Town Clerk	\$121,988	\$4,200	\$126,188
162 Elections & Registrations	\$79,811	\$17,900	\$97,711
172 Whiphill Park	\$0	\$10,950	\$10,950
182 Planning Bd/BOA/Conserv.	\$54,370	\$1,160	\$55,530
185 Economic and Comm Dev	\$70,278	\$30,000	\$100,278
192 Public Property Maint.	\$500	\$80,612	\$81,112
210 Police Department	\$3,724,535	\$323,095	\$4,047,630
211 Traffic Directors	\$151,480	\$4,500	\$155,980
212 Dispatchers	\$382,026	\$18,200	\$400,226
220 Fire Department	\$2,843,932	\$126,450	\$2,970,382
241 Building & Wire	\$174,200	\$6,900	\$181,100
291 Civil Defense	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
300 Public Schools	\$0	\$26,734,742	\$26,734,742
397 Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School	\$0	\$340,000	\$340,000
398 Minuteman Voc. School	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
399 Northeast Voc. School	\$0	\$970,818	\$970,818
400 Public Works Admin.	\$974,494	\$951,023	\$1,925,517
440 Sewer	\$541,180	\$4,694,484	\$5,235,664
450 Water	\$492,091	\$3,405,850	\$3,897,941
510 Board of Health	\$146,074	\$10,740	\$156,814

541 Council on Aging	\$103,931	\$38,500	\$142,431
542 Recreation Department	\$68,500	\$14,500	\$83,000
543 Veterans	\$42,513	\$179,900	\$222,413
610 Public Library	\$550,670	\$210,150	\$760,820
631 Arena	\$182,446	\$259,280	\$441,726
710 Maturing Debt & Interest	\$0	\$5,201,827	\$5,201,827
911 Contributory Pension	\$0	\$5,538,241	\$5,538,241
912 Health Insurance	\$0	\$7,938,620	\$7,938,620
919 Unclassified	\$161,986	\$1,474,797	\$1,636,783
920 Non-Departmental	\$0	\$37,385	\$37,385
950 OPEB Trust Contribution	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total Budgets:	\$12,122,759	\$58,978,571	\$71,101,330

Said Sum to be raised or transferred as follows:

Revenue of the Current Year	\$60,177,566
By transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Income Fund	\$35,000
By transfer from the Sale of Lots & Graves Res. For Approp.	\$50,000
By transfer from the Whip Hill Trust	\$10,000
By transfer from the BOS Stockwell Trust	\$3,500
By transfer from the RCN/Verizon Operating Cable Funds	\$32,500
By transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund	\$100,000
By transfer from the Estimated Sewer Receipts to:	
Department #440 Sewer Department	\$5,235,664
Department #710 Debt Service	\$147,136
Department #135 Town Accountant	\$13,630
Department #145 Town Treasurer	\$20,508
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	\$21,204
Department #911 Contributory Pension	\$206,748
Department #912 Health Insurance	\$154,089
Department #919 Unclassified Budget	\$65,135

By transfer from the Estimated Water Receipts to:

Department #450 Water Department	\$3,897,941
Department #710 Debt Service	\$500,645
Department #135 Town Accountant	\$12,296
Department #145 Town Treasurer	\$18,500
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	\$19,128
Department #911 Contributory Pension	\$187,910
Department #912 Health Insurance	\$136,449
Department #919 Unclassified Budget	\$55,781
Total Estimated Revenues	\$71,101,330

Surplus/(Deficit)

\$0

The Annual Town Meeting recessed at 8:10 PM to begin the Special Town Meeting. The Annual was brought back into session at 9:20 PM.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000) to construct a synthetic turf football field and lighting for said field, including infrastructure related to and necessary for said field and lighting, and to further authorize the funds remaining after the completion of said expenditures, if any, to be used for the construction or reconstruction, whether in whole or in part, of other athletic fields and/or facilities in the Town, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to sell from time to time, town notes, bonds or other evidence of indebtedness in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000) in accordance with the applicable provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, including Chapter 44, Section 7, and further to: (i) any grants or gifts accepted by or for the Town for these purposes shall be in addition to the funding otherwise authorized hereby, and (ii) authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action needed or helpful in furtherance hereof. Or do anything in relation thereto.

**John F. DePinto
3 Rebecca Lane**

Article 13. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article 13.

Passed per Moderator

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to amend the Fiscal Year 2016 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 1 of the June 8, 2015 Special Town Meeting, as amended. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 14. Voted that the Town amend various Fiscal Year 2016 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 1 of the June 8, 2015 Special Town Meeting, as amended (as shown in Exhibit B).

Passed Unanimously

Article 14 Exhibit B	FY16 BUDGET			5/2/2016 ATM ADJUSTMENTS			REVISED FY16 BUDGET		
DEPARTMENT	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
114 Town Moderator	\$0	\$220	\$220			\$0	\$0	\$220	\$220
122 Board of Selectmen	\$80,268	\$10,000	\$90,268	(\$8,000)		(\$8,000)	\$72,268	\$10,000	\$82,268
123 Town Administrator	\$340,926	\$42,500	\$383,426		\$17,000	\$17,000	\$340,926	\$59,500	\$400,426
132 Reserve Fund	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000		(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
135 Town Accountant	\$218,119	\$1,550	\$219,669			\$0	\$218,119	\$1,550	\$219,669
141 Board of Assessors	\$126,264	\$4,800	\$131,064	\$3,700		\$3,700	\$129,964	\$4,800	\$134,764
145 Treasurer	\$249,428	\$18,350	\$267,778	\$12,800		\$12,800	\$262,228	\$18,350	\$280,578
151 Town Counsel	\$110,732	\$6,725	\$117,457			\$0	\$110,732	\$6,725	\$117,457
155 GIS/MIS	\$109,175	\$130,721	\$239,896	(\$2,000)	\$4,500	\$2,500	\$107,175	\$135,221	\$242,396
161 Town Clerk	\$119,992	\$4,200	\$124,192			\$0	\$119,992	\$4,200	\$124,192
162 Elections & Registrations	\$69,311	\$18,100	\$87,411	\$2,500	(\$2,500)	\$0	\$71,811	\$15,600	\$87,411
172 Whipple Park	\$0	\$10,950	\$10,950			\$0	\$0	\$10,950	\$10,950
182 Planning Bd/BOA/Conserv.	\$41,543	\$1,160	\$42,703			\$0	\$41,543	\$1,160	\$42,703
185 Economic and Comm Dev	\$68,224	\$30,000	\$98,224	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	\$0	\$69,224	\$29,000	\$98,224
192 Public Property Maint.	\$500	\$80,612	\$81,112			\$0	\$500	\$80,612	\$81,112
210 Police Department	\$3,580,075	\$385,870	\$3,965,945	(\$11,000)		(\$11,000)	\$3,569,075	\$385,870	\$3,954,945
211 Traffic Directors	\$137,030	\$4,500	\$141,530	(\$6,000)		(\$6,000)	\$131,030	\$4,500	\$135,530
212 Dispatchers	\$381,380	\$17,440	\$398,820			\$0	\$381,380	\$17,440	\$398,820
220 Fire Department	\$2,756,616	\$124,850	\$2,881,466			\$0	\$2,756,616	\$124,850	\$2,881,466
241 Building & Wire	\$182,822	\$6,900	\$189,722			\$0	\$182,822	\$6,900	\$189,722
291 Civil Defense	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000			\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
300 Public Schools	\$0	\$25,888,516	\$25,888,516			\$0	\$0	\$25,888,516	\$25,888,516
397 Essex North Shore Agricultural & T	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000		(\$17,200)	(\$17,200)	\$0	\$282,800	\$282,800
398 Minuteman Voc. School	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000		\$7,200	\$7,200	\$0	\$57,200	\$57,200
399 Northeast Voc. School	\$0	\$1,076,254	\$1,076,254			\$0	\$0	\$1,076,254	\$1,076,254
400 Public Works Admin.	\$842,432	\$889,700	\$1,732,132		\$135,000	\$135,000	\$842,432	\$1,024,700	\$1,867,132
440 Sewer	\$601,332	\$4,545,620	\$5,146,952			\$0	\$601,332	\$4,545,620	\$5,146,952
450 Water	\$532,390	\$3,599,951	\$4,132,341			\$0	\$532,390	\$3,599,951	\$4,132,341
510 Board of Health	\$144,023	\$5,140	\$149,163			\$0	\$144,023	\$5,140	\$149,163
541 Council on Aging	\$102,193	\$33,500	\$135,693			\$0	\$102,193	\$33,500	\$135,693
542 Recreation Department	\$30,000	\$18,000	\$48,000	(\$17,000)		(\$17,000)	\$13,000	\$18,000	\$31,000
543 Veterans	\$41,276	\$177,700	\$218,976			\$0	\$41,276	\$177,700	\$218,976
610 Public Library	\$553,371	\$207,850	\$761,221	\$26,000	(\$1,000)	\$25,000	\$579,371	\$206,850	\$786,221
630 Unicorn Golf	\$139,017	\$275,850	\$414,867	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$100,000)	\$89,017	\$225,850	\$314,867
631 Arena	\$175,067	\$259,280	\$434,347	\$3,000		\$3,000	\$178,067	\$259,280	\$437,347
710 Maturing Debt & Interest	\$0	\$4,705,299	\$4,705,299			\$0	\$0	\$4,705,299	\$4,705,299
911 Contributory Pension	\$0	\$5,135,261	\$5,135,261			\$0	\$0	\$5,135,261	\$5,135,261
912 Health Insurance	\$0	\$7,628,413	\$7,628,413		(\$135,000)	(\$135,000)	\$0	\$7,493,413	\$7,493,413
918 Capital	\$0	\$323,000	\$323,000		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$348,000	\$348,000
919 Unclassified	\$19,079	\$1,416,000	\$1,435,079	(\$6,000)	\$219,000	\$213,000	\$13,079	\$1,635,000	\$1,648,079
920 Non-Departmental	\$0	\$37,085	\$37,085			\$0	\$0	\$37,085	\$37,085
Total Budgets:	\$11,754,585	\$57,521,867	\$69,276,452	(\$51,000)	\$151,000	\$100,000	\$11,703,585	\$57,672,867	\$69,376,452

Said Sum to be raised or transferred as follows:			
Revenue of the Current Year		\$68,334,180	
By transfer from the 225 Fallon Road Fund		\$27,088	
By transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Income Fund		\$21,000	
By transfer from the Sale of Lots & Graves Res. For Approp.		\$50,000	
By transfer from the Sale of Dog License Fund		\$7,077	
By transfer from the Whip Hill Trust		\$10,000	
By transfer from the B O S Stockwell Trust		\$3,500	
By transfer from the RCN/Verizon Operating Cable Funds		\$32,500	
By transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund		\$450,000	
By transfer from Surplus Revenue		\$48,000	
By transfer from Overlay Surplus		\$0	\$100,000
By transfer from the Estimated Sewer Receipts to:			
Department #440 Sewer Department		\$5,146,952	
Department #710 Debt Service		\$28,380	
Department #135 Town Accountant		\$14,375	
Department #145 Town Treasurer		\$22,038	
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department		\$19,063	
Department #911 Contributory Pension		\$246,863	
Department #912 Health Insurance		\$143,641	
Department #919 Unclassified Budget		\$82,568	
By transfer from the Estimated Water Receipts to:			
Department #450 Water Department		\$4,132,341	
Department #710 Debt Service		\$19,000	
Department #135 Town Accountant		\$12,122	
Department #145 Town Treasurer		\$18,584	
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department		\$16,075	
Department #911 Contributory Pension		\$211,234	
Department #912 Health Insurance		\$114,323	
Department #919 Unclassified Budget		\$66,548	
Total Estimated Revenues		\$69,276,452	\$100,000
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$0	\$0

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 32B, section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws to establish an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB), as defined therein.

Board of Selectmen

Article 15. **Voted** that the Town accept Chapter 32B, section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws to establish an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB), as defined therein.

Passed Unanimously

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize entry into the Tax Increment Financing Plan (also known as a TIF Plan) with C&S Capital Properties LLC, or its successor, pursuant to all the applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, including MGL, Chapter 40, Section 59 and Chapter 59, Section 5 in connection with the development of property located at both 370-380 Main Street and 10 Central Street, Stoneham, MA, as shown on the Board of Assessors Map 18, Parcel 213, 214 and 217 as described in the Economic Development Incentive Program Local Incentive Only application prepared by C&S Capital Properties LLC, on file at the Town Clerks' Office, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as is necessary to obtain approval of the Tax Incentive Program Local Incentive Only application and to implement the Tax Increment Financing Plan (TIP); or do anything in relation thereto.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lot A-1

A certain parcel of land situated in Stoneham, Mass. bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a drill hole on the easterly side line of Main Street, said point being 153.19 feet along the easterly sideline of Main Street from Central Square; thence running S 89° -57'-09" E a distance of 71.54 feet to a point; thence turning and running N 17° -46'-32" W a distance of 12.84 feet to an iron pipe; thence turning and running S 67° -22'-18" E a distance of 74.07 feet to a drill hole at the westerly sideline of Central Street; thence turning and running S 27° -39'-51" W along the westerly sideline of Central Street a distance of 41.10 feet to a drill hole; thence turning and running N 72° -04'-56" W a distance of 66.75 feet to a railroad spike; thence turning and running S 01° -05'-55" E a distance of 25.24 feet to a pk (nail); thence turning and running N 88° -53'-55" W a distance of 4.00 feet to a railroad spike; thence turning and running S 10° -14'-36" W a distance of 45.00 feet to a drill hole; thence turning and running N 80° -25' -58" W to the easterly sideline of Main Street a distance of 50.50 feet to a railroad spike; thence turning and running N 00° -02'-51" E along the easterly sideline of Main Street a distance of 93.25 feet to a drill hole at the point of beginning; Containing an area of 8,928 square feet and shown as Lot A-1 on a plan entitled PLAN OF LAND 370-380 MAIN STREET & 10 CENTRAL STREET STONEHAM, MASS. dated January 26, 2016 by Benchmark Survey.

Board of Selectmen

Article 16. Voted that the Town authorize entry into the Tax Increment Financing Plan (also known as a TIF Plan) with C&S Capital Properties LLC, or its successor, pursuant to all the applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, including MGL, Chapter 40, Section 59 and Chapter 59, Section 5 in connection with the development of property located at both 370-380 Main Street and 10 Central Street, Stoneham, MA, as shown on the Board of Assessors Map 18, Parcel 213, 214 and 217 as described in the Economic Development Incentive Program Local Incentive Only application prepared by C&S Capital Properties LLC, on file at the Town Clerks' Office, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as is necessary to obtain approval of the Tax Incentive Program Local Incentive Only application and to implement the Tax Increment Financing Plan (TIP).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lot A-1

A certain parcel of land situated in Stoneham, Mass. bounded and described as follows; Beginning at a drill hole on the easterly side line of Main Street, said point being 153.19 feet along the easterly sideline of Main Street from Central Square; Thence running S 89° -57'-09" E a distance of 71.54 feet to a point; Thence turning and running N 17° -46'-32" W a distance of 12.84 feet to an iron pipe; Thence turning and running S 67° -22'-18" E a distance of 74.07 feet to a drill hole at the westerly sideline of Central Street; Thence turning and running S 27° -39'-51" W along the westerly sideline of Central Street a distance of 41.10 feet to a drill hole; Thence turning and running N 72° -04'-56" W a distance of 66.75 feet to a railroad spike; Thence turning and running S 01° -05'-55" E a distance of 25.24 feet to a pk (nail); Thence turning and running N 88° -53'-55" W a distance of 4.00 feet to a railroad spike; Thence turning and running S 10° -14'-36" W a distance of 45.00 feet to a drill hole; Thence turning and running N 80° -25'-58" W to the easterly sideline of Main Street a distance of 50.50 feet to a railroad spike; Thence turning and running N 00° -02'-51" E along the easterly sideline of Main Street a distance of 93.25 feet to a drill hole at the point of beginning; Containing an area of 8,928 square feet and shown as Lot A-1 on a plan entitled PLAN OF LAND 370-380 MAIN STREET & 10 CENTRAL STREET STONEHAM MASS. dated January 26, 2016 by Benchmark Survey.

Passed per Moderator

Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 17. To see if the Town of Stoneham will vote to approve Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1994. This local option provides that any firefighter or police officer who is terminated due to a reduction in force and who is reinstated to his or her former position within three years can be credited with service for the period of the layoff; provided that he or she pays into the annuity savings fund of the retirement system an amount equal to the deductions that would have been paid by the member had he or she not been terminated, together with interest. The Act took effect on December 27, 1994

John J. Scullin
216 North Street

Article 17. **Voted** that the Town of Stoneham vote to approve Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1994.

Passed per Moderator

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 2 Administration, Article II Town Meetings, Sections 2-3.1 and 2-7, as follows, with deletions shown by a strike-out and additions underlined.

Sec. 2-3.1. Schedule Special Town Meeting.

A special Town Meeting shall be held in October of each year on a date to be set by the Board of Selectmen. The Warrant for the October Meeting, shall be open for the insertion of articles for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days and shall be closed at least four (4) weeks prior to the scheduled Town Meeting date. Notice of the warrant open and close dates for the October Town Meeting shall be published in some newspaper in the town within seven (7) days after the warrant is open. All other special town meeting ~~shall be open for the insertion of articles for a period of not less than seven (7) days and warrants~~ shall be closed at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled town meeting date ~~with notice of the open and close date in some newspaper within the town published within seven (7) days after the warrant is open~~ with sufficient time to provide 14-days' notice of the meeting.

Sec. 2-7. Warrants—Final date for receipt of articles for insertion.

The Selectmen shall annually fix the ~~fourth Monday of February~~ the first Monday of March as the final date on which they will receive Articles for insertion in the Warrant for the annual Town Meeting. All Articles must be presented to the Selectmen in finished form, typed on plain stationery, 8 ½" x 11", double spaced.

Or do anything in relation thereto, including amending Section 2-3.1 with regard to reducing the time between the close of the warrant for the October Town Meeting and the meeting and/or amending Section 2

-7 regarding the finished form of warrant article submissions.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 2 Administration, Article II Town Meetings, Sections 2-3.1 and 2-7, as follows, with deletions shown by a strike-out and additions underlined:

Sec. 2-3.1. Schedule Special Town Meeting.

A special Town Meeting shall be held in October of each year on a date to be set by the Board of Selectmen. The Warrant for the October Meeting, shall be open for the insertion of articles for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days and shall be closed at least ~~four (4)~~ three (3) weeks prior to the scheduled Town Meeting date. Notice of the warrant open and close dates for the October Town Meeting shall be published in some newspaper in the town within seven (7) days after the warrant is open. All other special town meeting ~~shall be open for the insertion of articles for a period of not less than seven (7) days and~~ warrants shall be closed at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled town meeting date ~~with notice of the open and close date in some newspaper within the town published within seven (7) days after the warrant is open~~ with sufficient time to provide 14-days' notice of the meeting.

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Passed per Moderator

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Public Way the following way as laid out by the Town Administrator and further described as follows:

A certain roadway situated in the Town of Stoneham, County of Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point, on the easterly sideline of Winship Drive and the northerly sideline of Spalding Road at land of Kyle J. & Kristin Loehning, thence;

Southeasterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Forty-Three and Fifty-Five Hundredths (43.55') feet with a radius of Twenty-Five and Zero Hundredths (25.00') feet to a point, thence;
Easterly	along a curve to the right, a distance of Thirty-Six and Ninety-Four Hundredths (36.94') feet with a radius of One Hundred Ninety-Eight and Zero Hundredths (198.00') feet to a point, thence;
N 68°39'54" E	a distance of One Hundred Nineteen and Sixty-Seven Hundredths (119.67') feet to a point, thence;
Northeasterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Nineteen and Eighty-Eight Hundredths (19.88') feet with a radius of Twenty-Five and Zero Hundredths (25.00') feet to a point, thence;
Southerly	along a curve to the right, a distance of Two Hundred Twelve and Ninety-Five Hundredths (212.95') feet with a radius of Forty-Five and Zero Hundredths (45.00') feet to a point, thence;
Westerly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Nineteen and Eighty-Eight Hundredths (19.88') feet with a radius of Twenty-Five and Zero Hundredths (25.00') feet to a point, thence;
S 68°39'54" W	a distance of One Hundred Nineteen and Sixty-Seven Hundredths (119.67') feet to a point, thence;
Southwesterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Fourteen and Fifty-eight Hundredths (14.58') feet with a radius of One Hundred Fifty (150.00') feet to a point, thence,
Southwesterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Fifty-One and Forty-Two Hundredths (51.42') feet with a radius of Twenty-Five and Zero Hundredths (25.00') feet to a point, thence;
Northwesterly	along a non-tangent curve to the right, a distance of One Hundred Fourteen and Sixty-Six Hundredths (114.66') feet with a

radius of Two Hundred Two and Zero Hundredths (202.00') feet to the point of beginning.

The roadway described is shown as "Spalding Road" on a plan to be recorded entitled, "Road Acceptance Plan of Land in Stoneham and Wakefield, MA," by Hancock Associates, dated December 23, 2015. Said "Spalding Road" contains Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty square feet more or less (15,780+/- S.F.)

Charles F. Houghton

15 Kimball Drive

Article 19. Voted that the Town accept as a Public Way the following way as laid out by the Town Administrator and further described as follows:

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Beginning at a point, on the easterly sideline of Winship Drive and the northerly sideline of Spalding Road at land of Kyle J. & Kristin Loehning, thence;

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Northeasterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Nineteen and Eighty-Eight Hundredths (19.88') feet with a radius of Twenty-Five and Zero Hundredths (25.00') feet to a point, thence;
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Westerly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Nineteen and Eighty-Eight Hundredths (19.88') feet with a radius of Twenty-Five and Zero Hundredths (25.00') feet to a point, thence;
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Southwesterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Fourteen and Fifty-eight Hundredths (14.58') feet with a radius of One Hundred Fifty (150.00') feet to a point, thence,
Southwesterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Fifty-One and Forty-Two Hundredths (51.42') feet with a radius of Twenty-Five and Zero Hundredths (25.00') feet to a point, thence;
Northwesterly	along a non-tangent curve to the right, a distance of One Hundred Fourteen and Sixty-Six Hundredths (114.66') feet with a radius of Two Hundred Two and Zero Hundredths (202.00') feet to the point of beginning.

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Passed Unanimously

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Public Way the following way as laid out by the Town Administrator and further described as follows:

A certain road situated in the Town of Stoneham, County of Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point, on the northerly sideline of land of Christopher & Kathryn Shaker at the Town Line between Stoneham and Wakefield, thence;

N 70°59'42" W	A distance of One Hundred Eleven and Forty-Eight Hundredths (111.48') feet point, thence;
Westerly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Fifty-Six and Thirty-Nine Hundredths (56.39') feet with a radius of One Hundred Fifty and Zero hundredths (150.00') feet to a point, thence;
S 87°27'50" W	a distance of One Hundred Thirty-Three and Fifty-Five Hundredths (133.55") feet to a point, thence;
Northwesterly	along a curve to the right, a distance of Three Hundred Thirty

	and Twenty Hundredths (330.20') feet with a radius of Two Hundred Fifty and Zero Hundredths (250.00') feet to a point, thence;
N 16°51'29" W	a distance of One Hundred Seventy and Forty-Six Hundredths (170.46') feet to a point, thence;
Northeasterly	along a curve to the right, a distance of Two Hundred Thirty- Three and Twenty- One Hundredths (233.21') feet with a radius of One Hundred Twenty-Four and Zero Hundredths (124.00') feet to a point, thence;
S 89°05'46" E	a distance of Eighty-Eight and Two Hundredths (88.02') feet to a point, thence;
Easterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Eighty-Two and Forty- Nine Hundredths (82.49') feet with a radius of Two Hundred and Zero Hundredths (200.00') feet to a point, thence;
67°16'22" E	a distance of Seventy-Seven and Eighty-Two Hundredths (77.82') feet to a point on the Town Line of Stoneham and Wakefield, thence;
S 21°48'10" E	By said Town Line, a distance of Forty-Eight and One Hundredths (48.01 ') feet to a point, thence;
S 67°16'22" W	a distance of Seventy-Seven and Five Hundredths (77.05') to a point, thence;
Westerly	along a curve to the right, a distance of One Hundred Two and Twenty-Nine Hundredths (102.29') feet with a radius of Two Hundred Forty-Eight and Zero Hundredths (248.00') feet to a point, thence;
N 89°05'46" W	a distance of Eighty-Eight and Two Hundredths (88.02') feet to a point, thence;
Southwesterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of One Hundred Forty- Two and Ninety-Four

S 16°51'29" E	a distance of One Hundred Seventy and Forty-Five Hundredths (170.45') feet to the point, thence;
Southeasterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Two Hundred Sixty-Six and Eighty Hundredths (266.80') feet with a radius of Two Hundred Two and Zero Hundredths (202.00') feet to a point, thence;
N 87°27'50" E	a distance of One Hundred Thirty-Three and Fifty-Five Hundredths (133.55') feet to a point, thence;
Easterly	along a curve to the right, a distance of Seventy-four and Forty-Four Hundredths (74.44') feet with a radius of One Hundred Ninety-Eight and Zero Hundredths (198.00') feet to a point, thence;
S 70°59'42" E	a distance of Seventy and Two Hundredths (70.02') feet to a point on the Town Line of Stoneham and Wakefield, thence;
S 21°48' 19"E	By said Town Line, a distance of Sixty-Three and Forty-Two Hundredths (63.42') feet to the point of beginning.

The roadway described is shown as "Winship Drive" on a plan to be recorded entitled, 'Road Acceptance Plan of Land in Stoneham and Wakefield, MA,' by Hancock Associates, dated December 23, 2015. Said "Winship Drive" contains Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty square feet more or less (57,820+/-S.F.)

Charles F. Houghton
15 Kimball Drive

Article 20. **Voted** that the Town accept as a Public Way the following way as laid out by the Town Administrator and further described as follows:

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Beginning at a point, on the northerly sideline of land of Christopher & Kathryn Shaker at the Town Line between Stoneham and Wakefield, thence;

N 70°59'42" W	a distance of One Hundred Eleven and Forty-Eight Hundredths (111.48') feet to a point, thence;
Westerly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Fifty-Six and Thirty-Nine Hundredths (56.39') feet with a radius of One Hundred Fifty and Zero Hundredths (150.00') feet to a point, thence;
S 87°27'50" W	a distance of One Hundred Thirty-Three and Fifty-Five Hundredths (133.55') feet to a point, thence;
Northwesterly	along a curve to the right, a distance of Three Hundred Thirty and Twenty Hundredths (330.20') feet with a radius of Two Hundred Fifty and Zero Hundredths (250.00') feet to a point, thence;
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N 89°05'46" W	a distance of Eighty-Eight and Two Hundredths (88.02') feet to a point, thence;
Southwesterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of One Hundred Forty-Two and Ninety-Four Hundredths (142.94') feet with a radius of Seventy-Six and Zero Hundredths (76.00') feet to a point, thence;
S 16°51'29" E	a distance of One Hundred Seventy and Forty-Five Hundredths (170.45') feet to the point, thence;
Southeasterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Two Hundred Sixty-Six and Eighty Hundredths (266.80') feet with a radius of Two Hundred Two and Zero Hundredths (202.00') feet to a point, thence;
N 87°27'50" E	a distance of One Hundred Thirty-Three and Fifty-Five Hundredths (133.55') feet to a point, thence;
Easterly	along a curve to the right, a distance of Seventy-Four and Forty-Four Hundredths (74.44') feet with a radius of One Hundred Ninety-Eight and Zero Hundredths (198.00') feet to a point, thence;
S 70°59'42" E	a distance of Seventy and Two Hundredths (70.02') feet to a point on the Town Line of Stoneham and Wakefield, thence;
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The roadway described is shown as "Winship Drive" on a plan to be recorded entitled, 'Road Acceptance Plan of Land in Stoneham and Wakefield, MA,' by Hancock Associates, dated December 23, 2015. Said "Winship Drive" contains Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty square feet more or less (57,820+/-S.F.)

Passed Unanimously

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to abandon a fifteen foot (15.00') wide drainage easement described as follows:

A certain drainage easement in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by Cabot Road, three and seventy-five hundredths feet (3.75') and eleven and fifty-four hundredths feet (11.54');
EASTERLY: one hundred twelve and ninety-nine hundredths feet (112.99');
NORTHERLY: by land now or formerly of Cortina, sixteen and twenty-eight hundredths feet (16.28'); and
WESTERLY: one hundred nine and fifty-one hundredths feet (109.51')

Shown as 15' Drain Easement on a plan entitled "Supplementary Plan Showing Existing Drainage Easements on Lot 8A and Lot 9A on Cabot Road Stoneham, Mass." Dated January 27, 1968 drawn by Francis E Burke RLS recorded at Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 143 of 1968.

Said Drainage Easement being no longer needed for the purpose for which it was intended. The Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to take any action necessary to declare said easement abandoned, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Charles F. Houghton
15 Kimball Drive**

Article 21. **Voted** that the Town abandon a fifteen foot (15.00') wide drainage easement described as follows:

A certain drainage easement in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by Cabot Road, three and seventy-five hundredths feet (3.75') and eleven and fifty-four hundredths feet (11.54');
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Said Drainage Easement being no longer needed for the purpose for which it was intended. The Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to take any action necessary to declare said easement abandoned, or do anything in relation there to.

Passed Unanimously

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote either or both of the following:

- (i) To accept the provisions of M.G.c.44, sec. 53F1/2, as amended by Chapter 352 of the Massachusetts Acts (Session Laws) of 2014 establishing a cable television public access enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2017, and further vote regarding such financial funding provisions and other details as may be required to effectuate this vote and task; and/or
- (ii) To accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F3/4 as added by Chapter 352 of the Massachusetts Acts (Session laws) of 2014 in order that the Town may establish in the treasury a separate revenue account to be known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, into which may be deposited cable franchise fees and other cable-related Fund, into which may be deposited cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation for cable-related purposes consistent with cable franchise (license) agreements, including support of PEG (public, educational or governmental) access television services and cable licensing and administration. And further to see if the Town will vote to authorize: (i) the Town Accountant and/or Town Treasurer to transfer any balance of cable-related funds at the end of Fiscal Year 2016 to said PEG Access and Cable Related Fund; and (ii) vote to take such other action(s) as may be required to effectuate this vote and task, including with respect to any funding aspects thereof. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 22. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No. 22.

Passed Unanimously

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F3/4 in order that the Town may establish in the treasury a separate revenue account to

be known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, into which may be deposited cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation for cable-related purposes consistent with cable franchise (license) agreements, including support of PEG (public, educational or governmental) access television services and cable licensing and administration. And further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Accountant and/or Town Treasurer to transfer any balance of cable-related funds at the end of Fiscal Year 2016 to said PEG Access and Cable Related Fund. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 23. **Voted** that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No.23.

Passed per Moderator

The Moderator dissolved the Annual Town Meeting at 9:46 PM.

There was no vote taken on Article 24 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. It was the intention to vote to indefinitely postpone but that was not acted upon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote either or both of the following:

- (i) To accept the provisions of M.G.c.44, sec. 53F1/2, as amended by Chapter 352 of the Massachusetts Acts (Session Laws) of 2014 establishing a cable television public access enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2017, and further vote regarding such financial funding provisions and other details as may be required to effectuate this vote and task; and/or
- (ii) To accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F3/4 as added by Chapter 352 of the Massachusetts Acts (Session laws) of 2014 in order that the Town may establish in the treasury a separate revenue account to be known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, into which may be deposited cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation for cable-related purposes consistent with cable franchise (license) agreements, including support of PEG (public, educational or governmental) access television services and cable licensing and administration. And further to see if the Town will vote to authorize: (i) the Town Accountant and/or Town Treasurer to transfer any balance of cable-related funds at the end of Fiscal Year 2016 to said PEG Access and Cable Related Fund; and (ii) vote to take such other action(s) as may be required to effectuate this vote and task, including with respect to any funding aspects thereof. Or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of
Selectmen**

Respectfully Submitted:



Maria Sagarino, Town Clerk

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Stoneham Town Hall, 35 Central Street, Stoneham** on

Monday, May 2, 2016

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles of this Warrant:

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 197 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Lawrence Means at 8:10PM and the warrant was read.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15 Zoning Bylaws, by amending Section 6.7 Signs, as follows, with additions to the current Section 6.7 underlined below and deletions shown as strikeouts:

6.7 SIGNS:

6.7.4 Definitions:

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- 6.7.4.5 Billboard: ~~A sign which does not advertise a business or profession conducted, a service offered or a commodity sold upon the premises where such sign is located.~~ An advertising sign or other commercial sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service or attraction sold, offered or existing elsewhere than upon the same lot where such sign is displayed. This is also known as an off-premise commercial sign or a non-accessory sign.

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- 6.7.4.11 Changeable copy sign: A sign that is designed so that characters, letters or illustrations can be changed or rearranged either manually or automatically without altering the [non-letter] face of the sign.

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- 6.7.4.16 Flashing sign: A sign that contains an intermittent or sequential flashing light source, including a sign which exhibits changes in light or color.

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- 6.7.4.26 On-premise sign: A sign that pertains to the use of the premises on which it is located and maintained, also known as an accessory sign. This is distinguished from a billboard, i.e., an off-premise commercial sign, also known as a non-accessory sign.

6.7.5 *Prohibited signs:*

The following types of signs are prohibited:

- (a) Animated, moving, flashing, and revolving signs; beacons, searchlights; pennants, portable signs, and balloons.
- (b) Off-premise signs and billboards, except for non-commercial signs and signs permitted pursuant to Sections 6.7.6 (e) and 6.7.8.
- (c) Roof signs.
- (d) Portable signs on wheeled trailers.
- (e) Signs which are attached in any form, shape or manner to a fire escape.
- (f) Any sign not specifically permitted in this bylaw is prohibited.
- (g) A prohibited sign includes an on-premise sign that is operated so as to display an electronic image or video, including text, or that is operated using lights, or any form of electronic display, such as light emitting diodes (LEDs), liquid crystal (LCD) displays, plasma screens, cathode rays or any other electronic media or technology, to form a sign message or messages with text and or images wherein the sequence of messages or the rate of change is electronically programmed or can be modified by electronic processes. This includes an on-premise sign that displays any message through an intermittent or sequential light source, which for purposes of this section means more than once per day.

6.7.5.1 *Operation of On-Premise Signs - Prohibition.*

An on-premise sign shall not be allowed to be operated so as to display an electronic image or video, including text, or use lights or any similar form of electronic display such as light emitting diodes (LEDs), liquid crystal (LCD) displays, plasma screens, cathode rays or any other electronic media to form a sign message or messages with text and or images wherein

the sequence of messages or the rate of change is electronically programmed or can be modified by electronic processes. This prohibition on the operation of an on-premise sign includes without limitation any television screen, plasma screen, digital screen, cathode ray, Light emitting diode (LED) display, liquid crystal display (LCD), video display, scrolling image, moving image, video board, holographic display, as well as any other type of display by way of any other electronic means, media or technology, including the display of any still image. On-premise signs may not be operated so as to display any message through an intermittent or sequential light source; and for purposes of this section, intermittent shall mean more than once per day.

6.7.8 *Off-Premise and billboard sign:*

6.7.8.1 Applications: Off-Premise and billboard signs or non-accessory commercial signs (hereinafter also referred to as “~~signs~~”billboards in this Section 6.7.8) shall be permitted in the Commercial I and Commercial III Zoning Districts only by grant of a Special Permit issued by the Planning Board. Special permits may be limited to a term of years specified by the Planning Board. Any person desiring a Special Permit under this section shall submit a Special Permit application to the Planning Board together with a filing fee of \$2,500.00 and ten (10) copies of the application materials as outlined below:

- (a) Site Plan and area maps identifying the following features:
 - (i) Location of any existing buildings, parking spaces and traffic circulation pattern on the subject parcel;
 - (ii) Proximity of nearest residentially used and residentially zoned property utilizing current area photographs and Stoneham Assessors Maps;
 - (iii) Specific location of proposed ~~sign~~ billboard;
 - (iv) Details of proposed buffer/landscaping area around billboards ~~signage~~ including species and caliper of trees and/or shrubbery;
 - (v) Location of an existing ~~sign(s)~~ billboard(s) on the parcel, including any billboards ~~signs~~ on a building; and
 - (vi) Photographs or architectural depiction of proposed billboard ~~sign~~.
- (b) Billboard Sign details shall include the following information:
 - (i) Detailed dimensions and area of any proposed single or multi-faced ~~sign~~ billboard;
 - (ii) Detail sheet of any proposed support structure specifying dimensions and construction type. Upon request by the Planning Board or the Building Inspector, the Applicant shall provide a structural analysis of the support structure stamped by a licensed structural engineer; and,

(iii) Lighting proposal, including cut sheets of all proposed lighting fixtures to be either attached to the billboard sign, structure or affixed to the ground.

(c) Additional Requirements:

(i) Authorization from the property owner (i.e., lease, etc.) granting permission to install ~~proposed signage~~ the proposed billboard and

(ii) Any additional information as may be required by the Planning Board to assist the Board in determining whether the application complies with the intent and requirements of this Section 6.7.8.

6.7.8.2 Dimensional Restrictions and Design Guidelines: All billboards signs shall be in compliance with the following requirements:

1. ~~Signs~~ Billboards shall be permitted in the Commercial I and Commercial III Zoning Districts, provided, however, that no ~~sign~~ billboards shall be located further than 100' from any interstate highway layout;
2. ~~Signs~~ Billboards shall not create a material visual impact to any abutting or adjacent residentially zoned and used property in the Town of Stoneham;
3. All billboards signs must be permanently affixed to a main support structure. No portable ~~signs~~ billboards shall be permitted.
4. Billboards Signs shall not have excessive lighting. Electronic ~~signs~~ billboards shall use automatic level controls to reduce light levels at night and under cloudy or other darkened conditions.
5. Exposed back of ~~signs~~ billboards, poles and other support structures must be painted in a color and finished so as to present an attractive and finished appearance which will blend with the natural surroundings.
6. The following types of ~~signs~~ billboards are prohibited:
 - (i) Animated, projected, moving or giving the illusion of movement (including any moving parts), scrolling, flashing (other than as addressed pursuant to Section 6.7.8.2 (6) (ii) and (iii) below), revolving, and blinking, and intermittently (see flashing) illuminated ~~signs~~ billboards, beacons (or any light directed at any location other than the ~~sign~~ billboard itself), searchlights, pennants, and inflatable ~~signs~~ billboards, including balloons;
 - (ii) Signs Billboards with physical movements or any kind that change at intervals of more than once every eight (8) seconds;
 - (iii) Changeable copy or message ~~signs~~ billboards that change at intervals of more than once every eight (8) seconds. Changes of image shall be instantaneous as seen to the human eye and shall not use fading, rolling, window shading, dissolving or similar effects;
 - (iv) Tri-vision ~~signs~~ billboards;

- (v) Video ~~billboards signs~~ or ~~billboards signs~~ that otherwise give the illusion of video or moving images;
- (vi) ~~Signs Billboards~~ with sound;
- (vii) ~~Signs Billboards~~ with pyrotechnics;
- (viii) ~~Signs Billboards~~ which by reason of position, wording, illustration, size, shape or color obstruct, impair, obscure, interfere with the view of, or may be confused with any traffic control signal or device or which may otherwise obstruct or interfere with traffic.

7. (a) There shall be no more than one ~~sign billboard~~ in the Commercial I Zoning District;
- (b) There shall be no more than one ~~sign billboard~~ along the interstate highway layout in the Commercial III Zoning District.
8. A ~~sign billboard~~ may be double sided. An individual ~~sign billboard~~ or ~~sign billboard~~ face shall not exceed six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet in total area on each side and shall not exceed fourteen (14) feet in height by forty-eight (48) feet in width, as calculated pursuant to Section 6.7.3.1 of these Zoning Bylaws;
9. A ~~sign billboard~~ shall be mounted on a pedestal or other support structure. The top of the ~~sign billboard~~ shall not exceed fifty (50) feet in height from the elevation of the Interstate Highway immediately adjacent thereto. The bottom of the ~~sign billboard~~ shall not exceed seventy (70) feet in height from the normal grade as calculated pursuant to Section 6.7.3.3 of these Zoning Bylaws;
10. There shall be no ~~sign billboard~~, including a roof ~~sign billboard~~, on any building, whether erected or otherwise placed or painted on the building;
11. No ~~sign billboard~~ shall be on or otherwise attached to a tree, utility pole, fence or rock;
12. Lighting or other illumination related to the proposed ~~sign billboard~~ shall not project, glare or negatively impact abutting properties and shall not shine onto abutting roadways;
13. The Applicant shall provide a 10' wide landscaped buffer around the base of the support structure to minimize its visual impact.

6.7.8.3 Criteria for Approval: The Planning Board shall not approve any applications for a Special Permit under Section 6.7.8 unless it finds that all of the following conditions are met and/or are incorporated into any Special Permit decision:

1. The specific site is an appropriate location for the proposed ~~sign billboard~~ and the design and layout complies with the standards and requirements set forth in this Bylaw;

2. The proposed ~~sign~~ billboard will not adversely affect the abutting neighborhood or have the effect of causing a hazard to motorists;
3. The ~~sign~~ billboard is in accordance with Section 7.4.3.1 of the Zoning Bylaws. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.2 "Certificate of Insurance";
4. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.3 "Location of ~~sign~~ billboard; inclusion of permit number on ~~sign~~ billboard";
5. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.5 "Maintenance; inspection";
6. All permits are subject to any necessary approvals, restrictions and conditions required and/or issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or the federal Government; and,

The Planning Board, in granting the special permit, shall attach such additional conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary.

6.7.8.4 Sign Maintenance/Removal:

- (a) All ~~signs~~ billboards and supporting structures shall be kept in good repair and free from tear, rust, and other indices of deterioration.
- (b) If a ~~sign~~ billboard permitted under Section 6.7.8 is abandoned, discontinued, blank, or is in disrepair for a period of ninety (90) days, it shall be cause for its removal. (For purposes of this section, a ~~sign~~ billboard is "blank" if:
 - (i) there is no advertising copy paid for by a person other than the ~~sign~~ billboard owner or advertising an interest other than the rental of the ~~sign~~ for said ninety (90) day period;
 - (ii) it advertises a business or service, enterprise or activity that is no longer operating or being offered or conducted; or
 - (iii) the advertising message it displays becomes illegible in whole or substantial part.) The Building Inspector shall notify the owner and/or manager of the ~~sign~~ billboard and property owner in writing, specifying a forty-five (45) day period to remove or repair. If the ~~sign~~ billboard has not been removed or repaired within the time period to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector, the Building Inspector may revoke the ~~sign~~ billboard permit and cause the ~~sign~~ billboard to be removed forthwith. All expenses for the removal shall be borne by the ~~sign~~ billboard owner and/or property owner as determined by the Building Inspector.

If the Building Inspector determines that a ~~sign~~ billboard is an immediate threat to public safety irrespective of any stays granted to the ~~sign~~ billboard and/or property owner, the Building Inspector may cause any ~~sign~~ billboard, abandoned or not, and any portion of its support structure if deemed part of the public threat, to be immediately removed, and/or the threatened public area cordoned off. All expenses for protecting the public, including the removal of said ~~sign~~ billboard or stabilization of the public safety threat, shall be borne by the ~~signowner~~ billboard owner and/or property owner as determined by the Building Inspector. A ~~sign~~ billboard which is not abandoned may be returned to its original position, but only after repairs have been made and the public safety threat abated, to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector.

6.7.8.5 Surety:

The Applicant shall provide a financial surety to the Town which will cover the full cost of the removal of any ~~sign~~ billboard which is found to be abandoned, discontinued, blank or is in disrepair, as determined under Section 6.7.8.4. The Applicant shall deposit with the Town Accountant a surety in an amount which shall be determined by the Planning Board. Upon removal of the ~~sign~~ billboard, any remaining funds shall be returned to the Applicant without interest.

6.7.8.6 Nothing in this Section 6.7.8 shall be applicable to On-Premise Signs, also known as accessory signs.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Planning Board

Article 1. **Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15 Zoning Bylaws, by amending Section 6.7 Signs, as follows, with additions to the current Section 6.7 underlined below and deletions shown as strikeouts:

6.7 SIGNS:

6.7.4 Definitions:

- 6.7.4.1 Animated sign: Any sign that uses movement or change of lighting to depict action or create a special effect or scene. This includes any on-premise sign that displays, or is capable of displaying, or has the ability to display, an electronic changeable image or video, which could include text, as well as any sign that uses or is capable of using lights or similar form of electronic display such as light emitting diodes (LEDs) to form a sign message or messages

with text and or images wherein the sequence of messages or the rate of change is electronically programmed or can be modified by electronic processes. This definition includes without limitation any on-premise sign that displays or utilizes, or is capable of displaying or utilizing, or has the ability to display or utilize television screens, plasma screens, digital screens, LED displays, video, video boards, and holographic displays, as well as still images, scrolling images or moving images, utilizing a series or grid of lights that may be changed through electronic means, including cathode ray, plasma screen, liquid crystal (LCD) display or other electronic media.

6.7.4.5 ~~Billboard: A sign which does not advertise a business or profession conducted, a service offered or a commodity sold upon the premises where such sign is located.~~ An advertising sign or other commercial sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service or attraction sold, offered or existing elsewhere than upon the same lot where such sign is displayed. This is also known as an off-premise commercial sign or a non-accessory sign.

6.7.4.11 Changeable copy sign: A sign that is designed so that characters, letters or illustrations can be changed or rearranged either manually or automatically without altering the [non-letter] face of the sign.

6.7.4.16 Flashing sign: A sign that contains an intermittent or sequential flashing light source, including a sign which exhibits changes in light or color.

6.7.4.26 On-premise sign: A sign that pertains to the use of the premises on which it is located and maintained, also known as an accessory sign. This is distinguished from a billboard, i.e., an off-premise commercial sign, also known as a non-accessory sign.

6.7.5 *Prohibited signs:*

The following types of signs are prohibited:

- (a) Animated, moving, flashing, and revolving signs; beacons; searchlights; pennants, portable signs; and balloons.
- (b) Off-premise signs and billboards, except for non-commercial signs and signs permitted pursuant to Sections 6.7.6 (e) and 6.7.8.
- (c) Roof signs.
- (d) Portable signs on wheeled trailers.
- (e) Signs which are attached in any form, shape or manner to a fire escape.

(f) Any sign not specifically permitted in this bylaw is prohibited.

(g) A prohibited sign includes an on-premise sign that is operated so as to display an electronic changeable image or video, including text, or uses lights, or any form of electronic display, such as light emitting diodes (LEDs), liquid crystal (LCD) displays, plasma screens, cathode rays or any other electronic media or technology, to form a sign message or messages with text and/or images wherein the sequence of messages or the rate of change is electronically programmed or can be modified by electronic processes. This includes without limitation any television screen, plasma screen, digital screen, cathode ray, light emitting diode (LED) display, liquid crystal display (LCD), video display, scrolling image, moving image, video board, holographic display, as well as any other type of display by way of any other electronic means or media. This includes an on-premise sign that displays any message through an intermittent or sequential light source, which for purposes of this section means more than once per day.

6.7.5.1 *Operation of On-Premise Signs – Prohibition:*

An on-premise sign shall not be allowed to be operated so as to display an electronic changeable image or video, including text, or use lights or any similar form of electronic display such as light emitting diodes (LEDs), liquid crystal (LCD) displays, plasma screens, cathode rays or any other electronic media to form a sign message or messages with text and or images wherein the sequence of messages or the rate of change is electronically programmed or can be modified by electronic processes. This prohibition on the operation of an on-premise sign includes without limitation any television screen, plasma screen, digital screen, cathode ray, light emitting diode (LED) display, liquid crystal display (LCD), video display, scrolling image, moving image, video board, holographic display, as well as any other type of display by way of any other electronic means, or media. On-premise signs may not be operated so as to display any message through an intermittent or sequential light source; and for purposes of this section, intermittent shall mean more than once per day.

6.7.8 *Off-Premise and billboard sign:*

6.7.8.1 Applications: Off-Premise and billboard signs or non-accessory commercial signs (hereinafter also referred to as “~~signs~~”billboards in this Section 6.7.8) shall be permitted in the Commercial I and Commercial III Zoning Districts only by grant of a Special Permit issued by the Planning Board. Special permits may be limited to a term of years specified by the Planning Board. Any person desiring a Special Permit under this section shall submit a Special Permit application to the Planning Board together with a filing fee of \$2,500.00 and ten (10) copies of the application materials as outlined below:

(a) Site Plan and area maps identifying the following features:

- (i) Location of any existing buildings, parking spaces and traffic circulation pattern on the subject parcel;
- (ii) Proximity of nearest residentially used and residentially zoned property utilizing current area photographs and Stoneham Assessors Maps;
- (iii) Specific location of proposed ~~sign~~ billboard;

- (iv) Details of proposed buffer/landscaping area around billboards ~~signage~~ including species and caliper of trees and/or shrubbery;
- (v) Location of an existing ~~sign(s)~~ billboard(s) on the parcel, including any ~~signs~~ billboards on a building; and
- (vi) Photographs or architectural depiction of proposed ~~sign~~ billboard.

(b) Billboard Sign details shall include the following information:

- (i) Detailed dimensions and area of any proposed single or multi-faced ~~sign~~ billboard;
- (ii) Detail sheet of any proposed support structure specifying dimensions and construction type. Upon request by the Planning Board or the Building Inspector, the Applicant shall provide a structural analysis of the support structure stamped by a licensed structural engineer; and,
- (iii) Lighting proposal, including cut sheets of all proposed lighting fixtures to be either attached to the ~~sign~~ billboard, structure or affixed to the ground.

(c) Additional Requirements:

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1. The specific site is an appropriate location for the proposed ~~sign~~ billboard and the design and layout complies with the standards and requirements set forth in this Bylaw;
2. The proposed ~~sign~~ billboard will not adversely affect the abutting neighborhood or have the effect of causing a hazard to motorists;
3. The ~~sign~~ billboard is in accordance with Section 7.4.3.1 of the Zoning Bylaws. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.2 "Certificate of Insurance";
4. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.3 "Location of ~~sign~~ billboard; inclusion of permit number on ~~sign~~ billboard";
5. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.5 "Maintenance; inspection";
6. All permits are subject to any necessary approvals, restrictions and conditions required and/or issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or the federal Government; and,

The Planning Board, in granting the special permit, shall attach such additional conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary.

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- (a) All ~~signs~~ billboards and supporting structures shall be kept in good repair and free from tear, rust, and other indices of deterioration.
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6.7.8.5 Surety:

The Applicant shall provide a financial surety to the Town which will cover the full cost of the removal of any ~~sign billboard~~ which is found to be abandoned, discontinued, blank or is in disrepair, as determined under Section 6.7.8.4. The Applicant shall deposit with the Town Accountant a surety in an amount which shall be determined by the Planning Board. Upon removal of the ~~sign billboard~~, any remaining funds shall be returned to the Applicant without interest.

6.7.8.6 Nothing in this Section 6.7.8 shall be applicable to On-Premise Signs, also known as accessory signs.

$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Required

$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Passed Unanimously

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 9, Section 15, as follows, with addition to the current section as underlined below:

Chapter 19, Section 15:

All retail business establishments of any kind, nature or description, including, but not limited to convenience store, supermarkets and department stores, but excluding the restaurants and gasoline selling

stations for the retail distribution of petroleum products and the retail and the convenience store products, in town shall be closed between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. each day. (This change would allow a gas station/convenience store to be open 24 hours).

Arthur Sordillo

426 Main Street Unit 504

Article 2. **Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 9, Section 15, as follows:

Chapter 9, Section 15:

All retail business establishments of any kind, nature or description, including, but not limited to supermarkets and department stores, but excluding the restaurants and gasoline selling stations for the retail distribution of petroleum products and the convenience store products, in town shall be closed between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. each day.

Fails per Moderator

Hand Count Requested

Yes No

71 86

Motion for Reconsideration

Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Public Way the following way as laid out by the Town Administrator and further described as follows:

A certain roadway situated in the Town of Stoneham, County of Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point, on the easterly sideline of MacArthur Road and the southwesterly corner of land of Maryellen Sheehan, thence;

N 81°33'26" E	a distance of One Hundred Seventy-Seven and Twenty-Seven Hundredths (177.27') feet to a point, thence;
Northeasterly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Forty-Four and Eighty-Two Hundredths (44.82') feet with a radius of Eighty and Fifty Hundredths (80.50') feet to a point, thence;
N 49°39'20" E	a distance of One Hundred One and Thirty-Two Hundredths (101.32') feet to a point, thence;
Northerly	along a curve to the left, a distance of Thirty-Four and Forty-Three Hundredths (34.43') feet with a radius of Twenty-Five and Zero Hundredths (25.00') feet to a point, thence;
Southeasterly	along a non-tangent curve to the left, a distance of Eighty-Three and Fourteen Hundredths (83.14') feet with a radius of Two Hundred Fifty and Zero Hundredths (250.00') feet to a point, thence;
Westerly	along a non-tangent curve to the left, a distance of Thirty-Five and Seventy-Nine Hundredths (35.79') feet with a radius of Twenty-Five and Zero Hundredths (25.00') feet to a point, thence;
S 49°39'20" W	a distance of Ninety-Eight and Eighty-Four Hundredths (98.84') feet to a point, thence;
Westerly	along a curve to the right, a distance of Sixty-Seven and Sixty-Five Hundredths (67.65') feet with a radius of One Hundred Twenty-One and Fifty Hundredths (121.50') feet to a point, thence;
S 81°33'26" W	a distance of One Hundred Eighty-One and Eighty-Nine Hundredths (181.89') feet to a point, thence;
N 02°00'57" W	a distance of Forty-One and Twenty-Six Hundredths (41.26') feet to the point of beginning.

The roadway described is shown as “Spalding Road” on a plan to be recorded entitled, “Road Acceptance Plan of Land in Stoneham and Wakefield, MA,” by Hancock Associates, dated December 23, 2015. Said “Spalding Road” contains Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Six square feet more or less (14,846+/- S.F.)

Charles F. Houghton

15 Kimball Drive

Article 3. **Voted** that the Town accept as a Public Way the following way as laid out by the Town Administrator and further described as follows:

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Passed per Moderator

Special Town Meeting dissolved at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Maria Sagarino, Town Clerk

2016 SEPTEMBER STATE PRIMARY OFFICIAL TALLY								
Democratic Party								
Rep. In Congress (5th District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	27	21	31	16	27	25	27	174
Katherine M. Clark	114	148	154	109	133	116	123	897
All Others			1		1		1	3
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	141	169	186	125	161	141	151	1074
								1074
Councillor (6th District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	12	17	23	5	22	16	10	105
Terrence W. Kennedy	101	123	134	103	115	95	109	780
Stephen Borelli	22	17	23	12	17	23	27	141
Richard J. DiMeo	6	12	6	5	6	7	5	47
All Others		0	0		1			1
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Senator in General Court (5th District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	24	19	39	15	27	24	29	177
Jason M. Lewis	117	150	147	110	133	117	121	895
All Others					1		1	2
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	141	169	186	125	161	141	151	1074
								1074
Rep. in General Court (31st District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	15	16	25	17	17	15	12	117
Michael Seamus Day	126	151	161	107	143	125	138	951
All Others		2		1	1	1	1	6
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	141	169	186	125	161	141	151	1074
								1074
Sheriff (Middlesex County)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	10	23	26	13	17	13	19	121
Peter J. Koutoujian	85	100	123	73	97	90	99	667
Barry S. Kelleher	46	46	37	39	47	38	33	286
All Others		0						0
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	141	169	186	125	161	141	151	1074

Republican Party								
Rep. in Congress (5th District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	44	64	60	81	95	90	63	497
All Others	4	1	4	1	1	1	2	14
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	48	65	64	82	96	91	65	511
								511
Councillor (6th District)								
Rep. in Congress (5th District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	47	65	61	82	95	91	65	506
All Others	1		3		1			5
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	48	65	64	82	96	91	65	511
								511
Senator in General Court (5th District)								
Rep. in General Court (31st District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	14	23	26	28	37	37	24	189
Vincent Lawrence Dixon	34	42	38	54	58	54	41	321
All Others					1			1
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	48	65	64	82	96	91	65	511
								511
Rep. in General Court (31st District)								
Rep. in General Court (31st District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	1	4	5	2	9	3	3	27
Caroline Colarusso	46	61	59	80	87	85	62	480
All Others	1					3		4
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	48	65	64	82	96	91	65	511
								511
Sheriff (Middlesex County)								
Sheriff (Middlesex County)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	42	58	58	78	88	89	62	475
Angelo La Civita (write-in sticker)	3	6	0	2	7	1	3	22
All Others	3	1		2	1	1		8
Write-in	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
Total	48	65	64	82	96	91	65	511
Green-Rainbow Party								
Rep. in Congress (5th District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Others								0
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

								0
Councillor (6th District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Others								0
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								0
Senator in General Court (5th District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Others								0
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								0
Rep. in General Court (31st District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Others								0
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								0
Sheriff (Middlesex County)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Others								0
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Independent Party								
Rep. in Congress (5th District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
All Others		1		1				2
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	5
								5
Councillor (6th District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
All Others	1	1		1				3
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	5
								5
Senator in General Court (5th District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals

Blanks	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
All Others		1		1				2
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	5
								5
Rep. in General Court (31st District)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
All Others	1	1		1				3
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	5
								5
Sheriff (Middlesex County)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
All Others	1	1		2				4
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	5

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall Auditorium, 35 Central Street, Stoneham, on**

Monday, October 17, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

to act upon the following articles of this Warrant:

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 138 voters were inside the meeting.

Moderator Means introduced the Middle School Chorus who was present to sing for the Town Meeting. They led the pledge of allegiance and sang the Star Spangled Banner. Moderator Means mentioned the passing of former librarian Betty Whelan and firefighter David Atherton. Mr. Means introduced the new Town Administrator Thomas Younger and thanked Town Counsel William Solomon for thirty years of service as he would be retiring before the next town meeting. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Larry Means at 7:03PM and the warrant was read.

Moderator Means asked the Town Meeting Body for permission to move Article 16 forward for the Disability Committee. Seeing no dissent, Article 16 was taken out of order.

Article 16 To see if the Town will increase the handicapped parking and handicapped ramp violations from \$100 to \$300.

Board of Selectmen

Article 16 Voted that the Town increase the fine for handicapped parking and handicapped ramp violations from \$100 to \$300.

Passed per Moderator

Article 1 To see if the Town will vote to amend the amount to be raised and appropriated under Article No. 12 of the April 5, 2016 Annual Town Meeting and adjust the Fiscal

Year 2017 departmental budgets and funding sources (as described in Exhibit A), or to do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 1 **Voted** that the Town amend Article No. 12 of the April 5, 2016 Annual Town Meeting to transfer \$22,000 from Police Department Other Charges to Police Department Personnel as described in Exhibit A attached to this warrant; and further, to transfer \$25,000 from General Fund Free Cash to the Finance and Advisory Board Reserve account.

Passed per Moderator

Article 1 Exhibit A

DEPARTMENT	FY17 BUDGET (PER 5/2/16 STM)			10/17/16 STM ADJUSTMENTS			REVISED FY17 BUDGET		
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
114 Town Moderator	\$0	\$220	\$220	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$220	\$220
122 Board of Selectmen	\$82,232	\$10,000	\$92,232	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$82,232	\$10,000	\$92,232
123 Town Administrator	\$347,711	\$42,500	\$390,211	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$347,711	\$42,500	\$390,211
132 Reserve Fund	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
135 Town Accountant	\$178,740	\$5,550	\$184,290	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$178,740	\$5,550	\$184,290
141 Board of Assessors	\$131,204	\$4,600	\$135,804	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$131,204	\$4,600	\$135,804
145 Treasurer	\$252,916	\$18,350	\$271,266	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$252,916	\$18,350	\$271,266
151 Town Counsel	\$111,283	\$6,725	\$118,008	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$111,283	\$6,725	\$118,008
155 GIS/MIS	\$149,668	\$130,802	\$280,470	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$149,668	\$130,802	\$280,470
161 Town Clerk	\$121,988	\$4,200	\$126,188	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$121,988	\$4,200	\$126,188
162 Elections & Registrations	\$79,811	\$17,900	\$97,711	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$79,811	\$17,900	\$97,711
172 Whiphill Park	\$0	\$10,950	\$10,950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,950	\$10,950
182 Planning Bd/BOA/Conserv.	\$54,370	\$1,160	\$55,530	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,370	\$1,160	\$55,530
185 Economic and Comm Dev	\$70,278	\$30,000	\$100,278	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,278	\$30,000	\$100,278
192 Public Property Maint.	\$500	\$80,612	\$81,112	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$80,612	\$81,112
210 Police Department	\$3,724,535	\$323,095	\$4,047,630	\$22,600	(\$22,600)	\$0	\$3,747,135	\$300,495	\$4,047,630
211 Traffic Directors	\$151,480	\$4,500	\$155,980	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$151,480	\$4,500	\$155,980
212 Dispatchers	\$382,026	\$18,200	\$400,226	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$382,026	\$18,200	\$400,226
220 Fire Department	\$2,843,932	\$126,450	\$2,970,382	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,843,932	\$126,450	\$2,970,382
241 Building & Wire	\$174,200	\$6,900	\$181,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$174,200	\$6,900	\$181,100
291 Civil Defense	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
300 Public Schools	\$0	\$26,734,742	\$26,734,742	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,734,742	\$26,734,742
397 North Shore Vocational	\$0	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$340,000	\$340,000
398 Minuteman Voc. School	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
399 Northeast Voc. School	\$0	\$970,818	\$970,818	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$970,818	\$970,818
400 Public Works Admin.	\$974,494	\$951,023	\$1,925,517	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$974,494	\$951,023	\$1,925,517
440 Sewer	\$541,180	\$4,694,484	\$5,235,664	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$541,180	\$4,694,484	\$5,235,664
450 Water	\$492,091	\$3,405,850	\$3,897,941	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$492,091	\$3,405,850	\$3,897,941
510 Board of Health	\$146,074	\$10,740	\$156,814	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$146,074	\$10,740	\$156,814
541 Council on Aging	\$103,931	\$38,500	\$142,431	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$103,931	\$38,500	\$142,431
542 Recreation Department	\$68,500	\$14,500	\$83,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$68,500	\$14,500	\$83,000
543 Veterans	\$42,513	\$179,900	\$222,413	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,513	\$179,900	\$222,413
610 Public Library	\$550,670	\$210,150	\$760,820	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$550,670	\$210,150	\$760,820
631 Arena	\$182,446	\$259,280	\$441,726	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$182,446	\$259,280	\$441,726
710 Maturing Debt & Interest	\$0	\$5,201,827	\$5,201,827	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,201,827	\$5,201,827
911 Contributory Pension	\$0	\$5,538,241	\$5,538,241	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,538,241	\$5,538,241
912 Health Insurance	\$0	\$7,938,620	\$7,938,620	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,938,620	\$7,938,620
919 Unclassified	\$161,986	\$1,474,797	\$1,636,783	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$161,986	\$1,474,797	\$1,636,783
920 Non-Departmental	\$0	\$37,385	\$37,385	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,385	\$37,385
950 OPEB Trust Contribution	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total Budgets:	\$12,122,759	\$58,978,571	\$71,101,330	\$22,600	\$2,400	\$25,000	\$12,145,359	\$58,980,971	\$71,126,330

Said Sum to be raised or transferred as follows:						
Revenue of the Current Year	\$60,177,566					\$60,177,566
By transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Income Fund	\$35,000					\$35,000
By transfer from the Sale of Lots & Graves Res. For Approp.	\$50,000					\$50,000
By transfer from the Whip Hill Trust	\$10,000					\$10,000
By transfer from the BOS Stockwell Trust	\$3,500					\$3,500
By transfer from the RCN/Verizon Operating Cable Funds	\$32,500					\$32,500
By transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund	\$100,000					\$100,000
From General Fund Free Cash	\$0			\$25,000		\$25,000
By transfer from the Estimated Sewer Receipts to:						
Department #440 Sewer Department	\$5,235,664					\$5,235,664
Department #710 Debt Service	\$147,136					\$147,136
Department #135 Town Accountant	\$13,630					\$13,630
Department #145 Town Treasurer	\$20,508					\$20,508
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	\$21,204					\$21,204
Department #911 Contributory Pension	\$206,748					\$206,748
Department #912 Health Insurance	\$154,089					\$154,089
Department #919 Unclassified Budget	\$65,135					\$65,135
By transfer from the Estimated Water Receipts to:						
Department #450 Water Department	\$3,897,941					\$3,897,941
Department #710 Debt Service	\$500,645					\$500,645
Department #135 Town Accountant	\$12,296					\$12,296
Department #145 Town Treasurer	\$18,500					\$18,500
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	\$19,128					\$19,128
Department #911 Contributory Pension	\$187,910					\$187,910
Department #912 Health Insurance	\$136,449					\$136,449
Department #919 Unclassified Budget	\$55,781					\$55,781
Total Estimated Revenues	\$71,101,330			\$25,000		\$71,126,330
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0			\$0		\$0

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds into the Stabilization Fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2 **Voted** that the Town transfer \$84,091.78 from General Fund Free Cash into the Stabilization Fund.

Passed Unanimously

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds into the Capital Stabilization Fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3 **Voted** that the Town transfer \$84,091.78 from General Fund Free Cash into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Passed Unanimously

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to transfer Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Four Dollars and Ninety Five Cents (\$11,984.95) from available funds to pay prior year Arena and DPW invoices, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4 **Voted** that the Town transfer Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$11,984.95) from General Fund Free Cash to pay prior year Arena and DPW invoices

Passed Unanimously

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money for various capital purchases, or to do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5 **Voted** that the Town appropriate Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$316,000) for the following capital purchases:

Capital Recommendations:

School Technology	\$ 60,000.00
Fire Chief Command Vehicle	45,000.00
Fire Dept. Turn-Out Gear	75,000.00
Relocate Town Fire/Police/DPW Antenna	31,000.00
Library - Replace Warren Street Windows/Door	15,000.00
Whip Hill Repairs	20,000.00
Arena Engineering Study	30,000.00
School Water Tank	15,000.00
Senior Center Decking	25,000.00
Total capital recommendations	\$ 316,000.00

Said sum to be transferred from General Fund Free Cash (\$99,016.47); the Sale of Town Property Fund (\$120,000) and unspent Article balances (\$96,983.53) listed below:

Funding Sources

Town Mtg Date	Town Mtg Article	Capital Project/Equipment Purchase Approved	Available Balance
May-03	19	Fire Station Design	\$ 22,000.00
May-08	27	Replace Arena Boards/Glass	11,260.00
May-10	17	Digital Portable Radios	2,762.24
May-12	18	2 Unmarked Police Vehicles	994.82
May-12	18	Unicorn Golf Course Fence	3,614.84
May-12	18	Unicorn Golf Course Mower	144.10
May-12	18	East School Parking Lot	801.97
Oct-12	9-B	2 Marked Police Vehicles	8.04

Oct-12	9-B	Replace Library Windows	2,250.00
Oct-13	14	One Marked Police Vehicle	147.20
Oct-13	14	Recreation Park Lighting	4,646.75
Oct-13	14	DPW Hydraulic Lift	2,741.00
May-14	27	DPW Garage Doors	2,016.50
Oct-14	27	Purchase 3 Police Vehicles	2,786.05
Oct-14	27	Fire Gear Rack	609.00
Oct-14	27	DPW Sander & Roller	5,446.01
Oct-14	27	Unicorn Irrigation	616.58
Oct-14	27	Unicorn 3 Mowers & Spray Unit	15,831.81
Oct-14	27	Arena Bleachers/Stairs/Shower/Doors	17,264.12
Oct-15	12	DPW Trucks & Equipment	1,042.50
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			\$ 96,983.53
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Passed Unanimously

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to transfer Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars and Two Cents (\$5,997.02) from available funds for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2015 FEMA Snow & Ice grant deficit, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6 **Voted** that the Town transfer Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Two Cents (\$5,997.02) from General Fund Free Cash for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2015 FEMA Snow & Ice grant deficit.

Passed Unanimously

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money for legal fees, including review, administrative and/or legal responses and/or administrative and/or legal proceeding(s) and costs and expenses related thereto, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7 **Voted** that the Town transfer Three Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$323,000) from General Fund Free Cash for the purpose of funding legal fees, including review, administrative and/or legal responses and/or administrative and/or legal proceeding(s) and costs and expenses related thereto.

Passed Per Moderator

Motion for Reconsideration

Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money for trash and recycling pickup and or disposal, including any ancillary services thereto, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8 **Voted** that the Town transfer One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from General Fund Free Cash for the purpose of funding trash and recycling pickup and or disposal, including any ancillary services thereto.

Passed Per Moderator

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to transfer Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from available funds for the purpose of funding the Commercial Improvement Program, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9 **Voted** that the Town transfer Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from General Fund Free Cash for the purpose of funding the Commercial Improvement Program.

Passed Unanimously

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to transfer Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from available funds for the purpose of funding a Housing Production Plan, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10 **Voted** that the Town transfer Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from General Fund Free Cash for the purpose of funding a Housing Production Plan.

Passed Unanimously

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$15,000 to the current year's (FY2017) fiscal budget of the Stoneham Public Library in order to maintain certification with the State of Massachusetts.

Board of Library Trustees

Article 11 **Voted** that the Town transfer Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from General Fund Free Cash to increase the operating budget of the Stoneham Public Library.

Passed Unanimously

Article 12 To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$48,000.00 for the recollection of Real Property for Fiscal Year 2018.

Board of Assessors

Article 12 **Moved** that the town appropriate Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000) for the Fiscal Year 2018 triennial recertification of Taxable Personal Property; said sum to be transferred from the Overlay Surplus.

Motion was made by Selectmen Thomas Boussy, 19 Ellen Road and Joan Lemire, 12 Fairview Road, questioned the type of property. It was then realized that it should be for "real property" instead of "personal property". Moderator Means allowed for the motion to be rescinded and for Assessor Anthony Kennedy, 3 Janice Lane to make the proper motion.

Article 12 **Voted** that the town appropriate Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000) for the Fiscal Year 2018 triennial recertification of Taxable Real Property; said sum to be transferred from the Overlay Surplus.

Passed Unanimously

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$485,513 to be received by the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for fiscal year 2017 for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditure or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 13 **Voted** that the Town appropriate Four Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$485,513) to be received by the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for Fiscal Year 2017 for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditure.

Passed Unanimously

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$25,000 for the purpose of embellishing Lindenwood Cemetery by hiring part-time help, purchasing equipment, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 14 **Voted** that the Town transfer Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000**) from the Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income Trust Fund for services and equipment needed to embellish Lindenwood Cemetery.

Passed Unanimously

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to update Chapter 2, Section 2-37.3 of the Town Code to include the Town Accountant on the Capital Committee, or do anything in relation thereto including, adding or eliminating one resident member.

Old Language:

Sec. 2-37.3. Capital Improvement Advisory Committee.

- (a) The Board of Selectmen shall establish and appoint a Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"), composed of:
 - (i) one member of the Board of Selectmen as chosen by the Board;
 - (ii) one member of the Planning Board as chosen by the Board;

(iii) one member of the Finance and Advisory Board as chosen by that Board;

(iv) the School Superintendent or his designee;

(v) the Town Administrator;

(vi) three residents of Stoneham selected by the Board of Selectmen; and

(vii) one member of the School Committee.

The Town Accountant shall assist the Committee in its work. The Committee shall choose its own officers.

New Language:

Sec. 2-37.3. Capital Improvement Advisory Committee.

(a) The Board of Selectmen shall establish and appoint a Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"), composed of:

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(iv) the School Superintendent or his designee;

(v) the Town Administrator;

(vi) three residents of Stoneham selected by the Board of Selectmen; and

(vii) one member of the School Committee.

(viii) the Town Accountant.

~~The Town Accountant shall assist the Committee in its work. The Committee shall choose its own officers.~~

Board of Selectmen

Article 15 Voted that the Town amend Chapter 2, section 2-37.3 of the Town Code to add the Town Accountant as a member of the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee.

Passed Unanimously

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to accept a Roadway Easement A and Roadway Easement B which runs across 37 Curve Road, Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easements are further described as follows:

ROADWAY EASEMENT A

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Lot A at a railroad spike on the westerly sideline of Curve Road;

Thence running S 20°-15'-00" W along the westerly sideline of Curve Road a distance of 14.15 feet to a railroad spike at the point of tangency;

Thence running southwesterly along the westerly side line of Curve Road by a curved line to the left having a radius of 112.35 feet, a delta angle of 47°-38'-00" and a distance of 64.73 feet to a railroad spike;

Thence running northeasterly by a curved line to the right having a radius of 72.27 feet, a delta angle of 48°-52'-24" a distance of 61.65 feet to point of tangency;

Thence running N 22°-37'-31" E a distance of 20.85 feet to a point on the southerly boundary line of Lot B;

Thence running S 55°-10'-57" E along the southerly boundary of Lot B a distance of 3.58 feet to a railroad spike at the westerly sideline of Curve Road at the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 315 square feet and shown on a plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND 35 & 37 CURVE ROAD STONEHAM, MASS. Dated JULY 27, 2016 " by Benchmark Survey as PROPOSED ROADWAY EASEMENT A".

ROADWAY EASEMENT B

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Lot B at a railroad spike on the westerly sideline of Curve Road;

Thence running N 55°-10'-57" W along the lot line between Lot A and Lot B a distance of 3.58 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 25°-18'-51" E a distance of 39.20 feet to point on a westerly sideline of Curve Road;

Thence turning and running S 20°-15'-00" W along the westerly sideline of Curve Road a distance of 39.95 feet to the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 69 square feet and shown on a plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND 35 & 37 CURVE ROAD STONEHAM, MASS. Dated JULY 27, 2016 "by Benchmark Survey as PROPOSED ROADWAY EASEMENT B".

The Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to take any action necessary to accept said Roadway Easements, or do anything in relation thereto.

Charles F. Houghton
15 Kimball Drive

Article 17 **Voted** that the Town accept Roadway Easement A and Roadway Easement B which runs across 37 Curve Road, Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said easements are further described as follows:

ROADWAY EASEMENT A

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Lot A at a railroad spike on the westerly sideline of Curve Road;

Thence running S 20°-15'-00" W along the westerly sideline of Curve Road a distance of 14.15 feet to a railroad spike at the point of tangency;

Thence running southwesterly along the westerly side line of Curve Road by a curved line to the left having a radius of 112.35 feet, a delta angle of 47°-38'-00" and a distance of 64.73 feet to a railroad spike;

Thence running northeasterly by a curved line to the right having a radius of 72.27 feet, a delta angle of 48°-52'-24" a distance of 61.65 feet to point of tangency;

Thence running N 22°-37'-31" E a distance of 20.85 feet to a point on the southerly boundary line of Lot B;

Thence running S 55°-10'-57" E along the southerly boundary of Lot B a distance of 3.58 feet to a railroad spike at the westerly sideline of Curve Road at the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 315 square feet and shown on a plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND 35 & 37 CURVE ROAD STONEHAM, MASS. Dated JULY 27, 2016 " by Benchmark Survey as PROPOSED ROADWAY EASEMENT A".

ROADWAY EASEMENT B

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Lot B at a railroad spike on the westerly sideline of Curve Road;

Thence running N 55°-10'-57" W along the lot line between Lot A and Lot B a distance of 3.58 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 25°-18'-51" E a distance of 39.20 feet to point on a westerly sideline of Curve Road;

Thence turning and running S 20°-15'-00" W along the westerly sideline of Curve Road a distance of 39.95 feet to the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 69 square feet and shown on a plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND 35 & 37 CURVE ROAD STONEHAM, MASS. Dated JULY 27, 2016 "by Benchmark Survey as PROPOSED ROADWAY EASEMENT B".

The Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to take any action necessary to accept said Roadway Easements.

Passed Unanimously

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the lease of Town of Stoneham property(ies) to the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (“MWRA”) for uses arising from and/or related to the MWRA’s construction of pipeline project(s), including the Northern Intermediate High water pipeline project, and support thereof, to include storage of construction equipment, materials and trailer boxes. Said lease(s) to be for a period of time up to five (5) years and for a total of approximately three (3) acres of land (which area of land may be higher or lower depending on needs, availability of land and other relevant circumstances.) Said leasing to be pursuant to Section 10(h) of the Selectmen-Administrator Act (Chapter 26 of the Massachusetts Acts and Resolves of 1981, as amended) and, as may be applicable, the Massachusetts General Laws, including M.G.L. c. 40, sec. 3. Options for said lease of Town of Stoneham property(ies) include: (a) all or a portion of the Stevens Street Recycling Center off of Stevens Street (as shown on Stoneham Board of Assessors Map 8, Lots 88 and 89) and/or (b) such other Town of Stoneham property as determined by the Town. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18 Moved that the Town authorize a lease of up to three (3) acres of property to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) for a period not to exceed five (5) years; said property to include all or a portion of the Stevens Street Recycling Center off of Stevens Street (as shown on Stoneham Board of Assessors Map 8, Lots 88 and 89).

Motion to Move the Question

Question was Moved

Passed per Moderator (voice vote)

Town Meeting requested Hand Count

Hand Count

Yes No

30 48

Article Fails per Moderator

Sharon Iovanni, 16 Girard Road made a motion for reconsideration. Because she was on the prevailing side of the vote the motion was accepted. Town Meeting voted to reconsider the article. The Moderator then told Mrs. Iovanni that she could amend the original motion. Sharon Iovanni then made a motion to amend the main motion as follows:

Move that the Town authorize a lease of up to three (3) acres of property to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) for a period not to exceed five (5) years; said property to

include a portion of the Stoneham High School property off of (as shown on Stoneham Board of Assessors Map 8, Lots 88 and 89).

Prior to a vote being taken on this amendment Moderator Means decided that the warrant hadn't fairly warned the inhabitants of Stoneham of a vote on the High School property. There was some dissention from the Town Meeting body. Kathleen Sullivan 91 Spring Street offered a point of information that the amendment did meet the four corners of the article but Moderator Means did not agree.

Mr. Means stated that he would not take a vote on the article as amended and he dissolved the Town Meeting.

Town Meeting Dissolved at 10:28PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Maria Sagarino, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNSEL

I am pleased to offer the following Annual Report concerning the office of the Town Counsel for the Year 2016. I submit this, my 29th annual report, having retired from the position of Town Counsel at the end of year. It was my honor and privilege to serve as Town Counsel during this period of time, working with so many dedicated town officials, employees and volunteers. Stoneham is a warm and welcoming community where people strive to work in both the private and public sectors, both separately and together, to improve the many facets of the Town and our community. It has been a unique opportunity to assist the Town government in a good number of those endeavors.

While as in any system of democracy and representative government there are a variety of different ideas and positions, and at times those differences take on disproportionate importance, I can say that the many individuals I have worked with over the years have focused on what they conclude is the best approach for the Town. My knowledge and understanding of this provided a firm foundation for my work and efforts, and for others serving the Town of Stoneham.

The following cases/matters were disposed of this past year:

Town of Stoneham, et al. v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al., Massachusetts Appeals Court, No. 2006-P-1676 (Dismissed pursuant to an earlier settlement agreement by the parties made effective in August 2016 by Chapter 217 of the Acts of 2016, authorizing the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to sell the infamous portion of land purchased by the former Metropolitan District Commission in the "Jerry Jingle" area of Stoneham) for reasons unrelated to the public interest.

92 Montvale, LLC v. William Sullivan, et al. as they are members of The Town Of Stoneham Zoning Board Of Appeals, and the Town of Stoneham, Land Court, C.A. No. 14 MISC 488957(AHS). This was an appeal by the Plaintiff (a Cummings Properties entity) of a Zoning Board of Appeals decision upholding a determination of the Building Inspector denying a permit for a proposed LED (flashing/intermittent) sign.

(The Plaintiff in this case has appealed the decision of the Land Court in the Board's and Town's favor to the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

11 Gould Street, LLC v. Robert Saltzman, et al. as they are Members of the Town of Stoneham Board of Appeals, Land Court, Civil Action No. 15 MISC 000167(KFS). This was an appeal by the Plaintiff from a Board of Appeals decision upholding the Building Inspector's enforcement order regarding tow trucks.

Town of Stoneham v. Raymond R. Magliozzi, Jr., Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 13-5276. Finalization of the receivership for the house and property at 12 Hersam Street. The house was taken down for reasons of public safety per approval of the Receiver's motion by the Court. In 2016, the property was sold by the Trustee, and after deduction of all court approved costs and expenses, the remaining proceeds went to the former property owner.

Town of Chelmsford v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 1581CV06154. (Case dismissed by agreement of the parties). Reimbursement for a small portion of a retired teacher's health insurance cost. The law which required this reimbursement was amended by the Municipal Modernization Act and no longer requires or provides for such reimbursements.

Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Company v. The Workers' Compensation Trust Fund and The Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts Division of Industrial Accidents, DIA Nos. 19615-71 and 2502-11. This case arose from claim by Town's former Worker's Compensation insurer for certain cost of living payments the insurer made to a long retired public works employee, which were not reimbursed by the Commonwealth Worker's Compensation Trust Fund after the Town joined MIIA (the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association). After a determination by the Division of Industrial Accidents, based on a recent appellate case, which overturned an initial determination in the Town's favor, the Town, through the efforts of outside counsel, was able to negotiate a settlement of the matter, which among other benefits, avoided the need for an appeal.

Among the court cases worked on in 2016, was the case of *Chestnut Hollow, LLC v. William Sullivan, et al. (Stoneham Zoning Board of Appeals) and Town of Stoneham* (Land Court, C.A. No. 16 MISC 000479). This case may be thought of as a companion case to the above referenced *92 Montvale* case. The case is currently stayed by the Land Court, as requested by this office (although most recently opposed by the Plaintiff, pending the determination of the Appeals Court in the *92 Montvale* case.

Additional court cases in which this office appeared, included representation of the Town Treasurer/Collector (Diane Murphy) in a variety of matters at the Woburn District Court, as well as representation of Police Chief (James McIntyre) in an appeal of a license to carry determination.

Significant time and attention was devoted this past year to the matter of the proposed Eversource Energy/National Grid Underground Transmission Line (Woburn to Wakefield) proposed to go through Stoneham (Montvale Ave., Main Street and Elm Street in Stoneham). This included discovery, thirteen (13) days of the administrative hearing (September to early November) before the Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board, and two (2) rounds of briefing. Together with outside counsel, this office represented the Town, with assistance and testimony from outside consultants, including the excellent work and technical analysis of Gaye Ohanesian, and outstanding contributions from Fire Chief Matt Grafton, Police Chief James McIntyre, DPW Director/Town Engineer Robert Grover and Michael Woronka, Chief Executive Officer of Action Ambulance. A note of appreciation also goes to Winchester Town Counsel, Wade Welch, for his invaluable efforts on behalf of the Town of Winchester and his assistance to, and cooperation with, the Town of Stoneham in this matter. The extent of the efforts by both towns appears to be significantly greater than has previously been taken by a municipality in a transmission line case. Notwithstanding the tremendous difference in resources available to the parties and the many challenges faced in a transmission line case and in the Siting Board process itself, both Winchester and Stoneham challenged a number of

heretofore unchallenged utility company assumptions and worked to make their respective cases with respect to routing issues, methodologies and specific impacts on the communities and public that need to be addressed. This matter remands under advisement by the Siting Board. The ultimate decision The Siting Board decision will address a range of issues and matters, some of which may be relevant to the matter of an eventual host community agreement.

In early 2016, this office finalized the development and impact fee agreement on behalf of the Town with Logan Communications (PGG Outdoor). In addition to the legal work involved (supplementing this office's prior work on a billboard agreement for LCD signs, subsequently used by other cities and towns in the Commonwealth), the efforts of this office directly resulted in an increased payment to the Town of \$425,000 over the term of the Agreement, plus an additional upfront payment in the first year of \$100,000.

In the middle of the year, this office spent significant time assisting the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board with the respective variance petition and special permit application of Verizon Wireless to place a "small cell" antenna on a pole in front of Redstone Plaza. As both Boards recognized, the significance of this matter arose primarily as a result of process issues and potential future impacts, and less the specifics of the subject proposal. Prior to the petition and application being filed by Verizon, this office also worked to address some of the upfront legal issues that arise in this area and involve a number of federal and state laws. The process included questions and disputes regarding the federal time clock and the provision of information needed for the boards to make their findings and conclusions. In the end, both Boards were successful in requiring the applicant to meet its burden of proof under the Telecommunications Act, either directly or through the expert consultant hired by and for the Town at the expense of the petitioner/applicant. This was one of a line of wireless matters in which the Building Inspector, Board of Appeals, Planning Board and this office worked together over the course of years to protect the Town and the public interest.

For instance, because the initial zoning petitions and applications in the wireless area made it evident that the time spent on these matters was often extensive, the fee structure for wireless applications was updated, resulting in the petitioners and applicants, rather than the taxpayers, paying the significant costs incurred. In addition, petitioners and applicants are, pursuant to Town regulations and applicable state law, responsible for the costs of outside consultants, including Radio Frequency engineers and, at times, drive tests by qualified technical professionals. Most recently, this consultant fee. Most recently, this consultant fee obligation was expended pursuant to authority granted in the Municipal Modernization Act, to a wide variety of additional processes, including "grants of location", pursuant to Chapter 166 of the General Laws.

Given the significant push in this area, both before cities and towns, and presently before the Federal Communications Commission, by a myriad of companies, including traditional wireless provider, and most recently and aggressively by a new entrant in the field, Mobilitie, the Town must be proactive in this area.

Also, in 2016, this office finalized the lease with Verizon Wireless (Cellco Partnership) for the placement of a wireless facility in what will be a newly constructed and extended cupola with an elevation of 44 feet at its top. One final issue before execution was recently addressed by the Town and Verizon. The annual payment to the Town, including the administrative fee, will begin at just short of \$30,000, with a 3% increase each year thereafter, and a slightly increased administrative fee every five (5) years.

At the end of 2016, this office, at the request of the Board of Selectmen, and working with the support of the Planning Board, drafted a proposed moratorium on Recreational Marijuana. Both boards, assisted by the Town Planner, continued to refine the proposed moratorium for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

In cable television licensing, a new renewal license agreement was reached with RCN, with the license itself granted on February 7, 2017. The RCN license, as well as the Comcast and Verizon cable licenses, provides the maximum franchise fee allowed under federal law (the Cable Act), which is five percent (5%) of the licensees and its affiliates "gross annual revenues". In addition, all three licenses provide capital funding. In addition, the RCN license expands the fiber-based Institutional Network ("I-Net") made available and utilized for a range of telecommunications and other services by the Town. In addition, the new RCN license provides the Town and its access provider, Stoneham TV, with three "high definition" PEG (public, government and educational") access channels, thereby allowing for superior video and audio quality, consistent with the cable system commercial channels.

I note for historical purposes, that when I began as Town Counsel, the town, similar to all towns with cable, was served by one cable company Continental Cablevision (later to become or be known as U.S. West, Media One, AT&T Broadband and then Comcast). The local community television studio was inconveniently located at Zion Hill in Woburn where it primarily served the City of Woburn. The Jerry Jingle area of Stoneham was served, by a separate cable license in Stoneham by Time-Warner from that company's cable system in the City of Melrose. In 1992, the Cable License Renewal entered into with Continental Cablevision provided for a new company operated community television studio with a build-out/equipment expense of approximately \$400,000. That cable license also provided that the Town had the right to a government access channel. With the election of John Hanright as Town Clerk, John and I got the channel off the ground, and John took it from there. In the year 2000, RCN was issued a cable license by the Town of Stoneham, and constructed and began operation of its cable system at that time in areas of the Town served by overhead poles. RCN also built the above referenced Institutional Network. In 2002, the renewal license with Media One/AT&T Broadband provided for a non-profit public access corporation to operate public and government programming, with the Stoneham Public Schools continuing to operating educational access. Though the efforts of many, none more than former Town Moderator/Selectmen Al Conti, then no longer a public official, Stoneham Community Access (Stoneham TV) was begun, and Amy Brough (now Amy Brough Palmerino) was brought in as the Executive Director. In 2007, the Town licensed Verizon to provide cable services. The cable licensing renewal process has continued since then at various intervals, including now with Verizon. Cable license payments from all three cable operators have ranged in recent years from approximately \$675,000 to \$750,000 annually, depending on capital payments under the licenses at the time. Community television has continued to grow and expand its operations and programming, becoming a part of the fabric of the community, the Town's arts and culture, and the local economy. PEG access operations and programming by both Stoneham TV and the Stoneham Public Schools serve to help bring together, residents, businesses and the community. Additionally, Stoneham TV has assisted the Town and its Public Schools with telecommunications improvements, including updating audio and visual technology in the Selectmen's Hearing Room and the Town Hall Auditorium, and at school buildings, such as the new Middle School. Additionally, RCN payments to the Town have funded a number of important telecommunications-related needs. However, because of trends in technology, as well increased statutory and regulatory risks on the federal level, the medium and longer term outlook for the funding of PEG access/community television and media is uncertain. This office has worked to create greater certainty in what will likely be an increasingly uncertain environment.

There are, of course, too many people to thank for their help and kindness over the course of 30 years as Town Counsel. I have thanked most of these folks in prior annual reports, and those thanks are as true today as they were when earlier stated. At the risk inherent with listing less than all the people that could, and should, be listed, I would like to note for this year's report, the invaluable assistance and support provided this part year by Dava Kilbride of the Board of Selectmen's office and Debbie Pettengill of the Town Administrator's office. Each follows a line of predecessors in their respective positions who consistently provided remarkable help to this office and to me during my time as Town Counsel. For all of these individuals and their help I am grateful. My thanks to the Board of Selectmen for the remarkable opportunity to make a difference, including helping people and organizations recognize that what is in the public and Town's interest often works for them.

William H. Solomon

TOWN PLANNER

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Town Planner Department is to collaborate with residents, town officials and business owners by following best practices of urban planning and development to progress short- and long-range plans that identify and prioritize the needs of the municipality while promoting a well-designed, livable and thriving community.

Department Overview:

The Town Planner Department consists of one employee who provides technical support and leadership regarding land use and development to all Town Departments, Committees and Boards as requested. She contributes guidance and expertise with civic-minded volunteers on the Stoneham Square Strategic Action Plan, advocacy through the Transportation Advisory Subcommittee, and leads regionally with conversations about first and last mile mobility solutions for Stoneham residents and employers. Additionally, she coordinated the easement logistics of the Tri-Community Greenway, initiated conversation about local investment with property owners, and managed all projects under the Town's Compact Community designation with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Professional involvement, noteworthy department emphasis, and financial awards over the last year are detailed below.

Professional Recognition:

- Vice President, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
- Stoneham Representative, MAPC
- Delegate, North Suburban Planning Council
- Member, MAPC Executive Committee
- Member, MetroFuture Inc. Board of Directors
- Member, Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors
- Member, American Planning Association Massachusetts Chapter

Department Highlights:

- Stoneham Commercial Improvement Program – Created and facilitated the financial program for businesses in the Central Business District to improve its signage, windows and storefront esthetic resulting in over \$40,000 investment by local merchants and property owners.
- Pop-Up Stoneham – Established summer place-making summer event series held on Town Common designed to engage residents, businesses and visitors of all ages while energizing the community. Fourteen events were held in summer 2016 including, but not limited to: picnic & putt, bubble show, various fitness activities, millennial corn hole tournament, musical theater dance class, and “The Incredibles” movie night on the Common.
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF) – Facilitated a 10-year TIF agreement with C & S Capital Properties, LLC at 370-380 Main Street. The \$4 million redevelopment will create new, modern commercial space with ground-floor retail in Stoneham Square. The TIF is a first-time project for Stoneham and approved formally by the Baker-Polito Administration.
- Professional Planning Review – Oversight and assessment of all proposed special permit requests, zoning language, and site plan applications to the Town of Stoneham.
- Zoning Updates – Submitted zoning warrant articles on a-frame signage, stretch code, electricity aggregation, and non-medically prescribed marijuana moratorium to town boards for consideration at Town Meeting.
- Complete Streets Conceptual Design – Engaged with consultant at no-cost to the Town of Stoneham to complete a Complete Streets Conceptual Design for Stoneham Square. Proposal included opportunities to improve safety, increase green space, widen sidewalks, create economic development expansion possibilities for local businesses, and include a more efficient traffic design for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.
- Stoneham Open Space & Recreation Plan Update – Began work with consultants and Steering Committee to update the 20 year old plan in order to meet the latest Division of Conservation Service requirements, and be

written in accordance with the Open Space and Recreation Plan Requirements, and the Open Space and Recreation Planner's Workbook.

- How to Do Business Guide – Worked with municipal departments, Chamber of Commerce and local merchants to curate a How to Do Business Guide in Stoneham. Guide was published electronically and distributed among business community.

Project & Grant Awards:

- Executive Office for Administration and Finance (EOAF) Grant to create a Budget Transparency Document
- Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) Massachusetts Downtown Initiative (MDI) Grant for a Complete Streets Concept Study of Downtown Stoneham
- Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) Grant to create an Economic Development Self-Assessment Tool (EDSAT)
- Executive Office for Administration and Finance (EOAF) grant and District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funding to update its Open Space & Recreation Plan
- North Suburban Planning Council (NSPC) Suburban Mobility Study with the communities of Burlington, Lynnfield, North Reading, Reading, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn
- District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) and FY2018 Planning for MetroFuture Technical Assistance to create the Town's first Housing Production Plan

TOWN TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

The primary function of this office is the management of the Town's funds. We are responsible for depositing all revenue, as well as dispersing all payroll and vendors checks. Investment management and bond indebtedness are also functions of the Treasurer. The objective being that all funds are safe, liquid, and invested daily at the highest possible yield.

We have been working with Invoice Cloud, our online payment service for real estate, personal property, excise and utility bills, for over a year. Property owners utilizing the service has increase. They can view their bills online, see their payment history, make payments on a monthly basis for better budgeting, and can select automatic payments. During this year Invoice Cloud has added paying by text to increase payment options.

In January we hired Paul Melkonian as an Office Assistant. He has been a quick learner, very effective working with the customers at the counter and on the phone.

I would like to thank my exceptional team at this time, Paulette Gerry, Assistant Treasurer/Tax Collector, and my office staff, Kathleen Sullivan and Michele Collins, both Principal Office Assistants and Paul Melkonian, Office Assistant. Without their expertise and dedication this office would not run as smoothly as it does. They have all gone above and beyond their job descriptions in the incredibly busy office.

Respectfully submitted –

Diane M. Murphy, CMMC, CMMT
Treasurer/Tax Collector

UNICORN GOLF COURSE AND STONEHAM OAKS GOLF COURSE

This memo should serve as an “Annual Report” for the 2016 season at both Unicorn Golf Course and Stoneham Oaks Golf Course, tracking the progress that has been made in the ten months since the hiring of Sterling Golf Management.

Clubhouse and Golf Operations

2016 was a very positive year in many aspects. As the new golf management company we made many improvements to enhance the golfing experience of all players and we made many new friends along the way.

Both Clubhouses at the two courses were refreshed. The Unicorn Clubhouse was rearranged to move the traffic flow around more efficiently. Both Clubhouses were completely repainted, carpets cleaned, brand new tables and chairs installed, new flat panel TV's, renewed counters and fresh new merchandise on display to purchase.

We installed a Point Of Sale System that allows us to collect data on all the different types of play and revenue streams we have and also serves as a marketing system that can help us reach out to customers and grow revenue and rounds moving forward. A new tee time system was installed which allows people to pre book their tee time and to plan their golf around their other activities and utilize their time to best suit their lives. We are now working to advance this system with more Mobile Capabilities along with a company App to allow faster and easier tee time booking.

A new Website was developed that is fully Mobile Enabled offering customer's information on the golf course and its operations.

25 new Club Car Golf Carts with USB ports are here for those who choose to take one, as well as 12 new pull carts.

Customer service improvements have been implemented offering both visible and accessible help to customers to answer any questions they had about a new operations was greatly received. The regular players are new to these changes and providing information is essential. An emphasis was made on starting play and ensuring that pace of play was adhered to as best as possible. These are important factors that all golfers seek in a competitive market when choosing where they will play their golf.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Players who have been playing here for years are impressed with the changes and look forward to other planned improvements. We had many players return to us that decided to play elsewhere the last few years for various reasons.

All golfers desire a course that is in good condition, enjoyable to play, and makes them feel welcome. This is our goal and priority.

Improvements that are needed to further this include cutting tree branches that have grown and hinder play. This is a vital part that has been overlooked in the past and is a normal part of any golf course operation. This allows for various tee placements which changes the way the course will play each time they visit. It is essential for pace of play that players can find their ball and advance it forward. This adds to the enjoyment as well as the safety of not being hindered by low lying branches.

Despite the hottest, driest year on record, as well as unforeseen construction on William St. for most of the year, it was a very successful year.

Course Conditions and Grounds Operations:

In March of 2016 when I first visited both Unicorn Golf Course and Stoneham Oaks, I got the feeling that I was touring an “abandoned” operation. People’s lunches still in the breakroom, the ash tray still full, and work coats still on the backs of the chairs, all left in place on December 1, 2015 when the doors of the operation were closed. On my first tour of the golf course in many years (I had played both golf courses many times in the past) I was very shocked at what I saw. It definitely was not the Unicorn and Stoneham Oaks that I remembered playing many rounds upon. The amount of broken glass, plastic bottles, paper trash and all types of litter that was spread across the entire property took months to pick up. To the point where I had one employee who would spend entire days just picking trash from the tree lines. The mess left by a winter of dog walkers was truly disgusting. The dog litter alone took months to find and then clean, not always being found while actively searching for it.

The same could be said for organic waste. Piles of leaves that were made in November 2015 spent the winter blowing in every direction once the Maintenance doors were closed on December 1, 2015. Sticks and branches, acorns and pine cones, leaves and pine needles were littered across the property. It took all spring of 2016 to finish the clean up just to get things to a respectable point. We have barely scratched the surface on cleaning these two golf courses.

As far as turfgrass conditions, I was shocked at what I saw. Tee boxes that were bare soil, putting greens that were very weak, and massive areas of fairways that had no turf and had not seen working/running irrigation in years.

After taking time to assess these two golf courses it made complete sense that the poor golf course conditions were the simple result of the crumbling infrastructure of the business itself. From the neglected equipment fleet, to the forty year old irrigation system installed in 1976, to the aging irrigation pump station, and even the maintenance buildings themselves. None of these items had seen proper maintenance in years. The man hours and replacement parts needed to keep things at least “up and running” had not been invested, and as a result the infrastructure was crumbling.

The older brick maintenance building does not have running water. At some point it was not winterized and as a result there are broken pipes and many problems that still need to be addressed. The newer “tin” maintenance building has running cold water but there has not been hot water in some time. The heating systems in both buildings are in very poor condition at this point. The clutter and lack of organization in both buildings is an issue that has been addressed in our first ten months. Things are slowly becoming clean, organized, presentable, and business like as time goes on. This process of cleaning and organizing these buildings will continue as our time on the property lengthens, however we have barely scratched the surface.

As far as the equipment situation we walked into in the spring of 2016, things had not been maintained properly and there had been no winter maintenance work to prep for the 2016 season. At some point a conscious decision was made to not invest in replacement parts and the labor hours were not allocated to maintain this equipment fleet to keep it functional. In March of 2016 it started with basic maintenance tune ups and catch up on the equipment. We invested our time, parts, and labor to at least get things up and running. It will take a few years to get the fleet to where it should be as more maintenance and repairs are being done as the winter of 2016/2017 goes on. Sterling Golf has brought in many pieces of newer, more modern equipment and continues to do so to complement the existing equipment that was already in place when we took over the operation.

As far as the Irrigation System (which can be considered the “bloodline” of any golf course operation) I would consider it barely functioning at best when we started up the system in spring of 2016. Over \$30,000 has been invested into the Control System of the Irrigation and Pump Stations, and an additional \$20,000 was poured into heads, valves, wiring and technicians just to try and allow us to limp along and get some type of consistent watering out onto the golf course in our first ten months. Our time and financial investment started in April as soon as we got going. Factor in the grounds crew’s time and labor to swap out broken sprinklers with newer functioning sprinklers. Entire green and tee complexes where not even one sprinkler out of the four or five in that area would rotate, leaving puddles of water in spots on the greens, tees, and surrounds, while 90% of the area saw no water at all. This was the case all over both golf courses. We replaced approximately fifty sprinklers on greens and tee boxes alone in 2016, the

old sprinklers are in the “graveyard” of equipment behind our maintenance buildings. This “graveyard” is another project we hope to tackle in 2017. The fairways are an even worse situation simply because it took all season just to achieve rotating sprinklers on greens and tee boxes on both golf courses. One of our main goals in 2017 is to start replacing these broken fairway sprinklers, valves, and solenoids that have not worked in years. My guess is that it will be an even greater challenge than the greens and tees were. We discovered countless areas on both golf courses where the fairway and rough irrigation (sprinklers and their valve boxes) were buried under inches of soil and grass. At some point there was a conscious decision made to shut the water off to these areas and to stop growing turfgrass in these areas.

Over the summer irrigation experts from Turf Products Corporation were brought in to install a new central irrigation computer and satellite clocks at both Unicorn and The Oaks, allowing for proper communication with the sprinklers in the field. DAF Pump Services out of Connecticut was brought in to upgrade the antiquated pumpstation controls. The piping in the pumpstation was in good shape and had been recently upgraded by Houghton Plumbing however there was a drastic need for newer and more modern pump controllers to better control the water pressure in the field. We had to lessen and then regulate the water pressure on the forty year old underground piping system that could not handle the pressure it was running at. The over pressurized irrigation system was one of the main reasons for all of the water leaks across the property. In the fall of 2016, the irrigation experts from Turf Products Corporation were brought back in to trouble shoot underground electrical problems (broken and knicked wires, bad electrical valves and solenoids, etc.) that existed across the golf course. Last but not least, was the time and labor of the grounds crew to fix the countless water leaks. Puddles of water and running leaks could be seen all over the property and it took all season to get these leaks fixed. There are still many leaks and various problems but we made tremendous strides in the 2016 season to begin patching things up. This irrigation repair work is still a major priority and will continue in spring of 2017.

These were all mere “Band-Aids” placed upon this very old irrigation system in 2016 in attempt to irrigate and improve the course conditions. While the system is in far better shape than when we inherited it almost one year ago, due to its age it will continue to have many many problems and require too much annual maintenance in order to keep it operating. Replacement with a new irrigation system is direly needed in order to improve the course conditions and grow the Towns revenue. The average lifespan of a golf course irrigation system is twenty to twenty five years; our irrigation system turns forty one years old this season. The good news is all the Irrigation System Controls and Pump Controls installed this year would be moved over to use with a new irrigation system when it is replaced.

In 2016 Sterling Golf invested money to have a professional tree company work at Stoneham Oaks opening up vistas and shot lines from tee to green where trees and branches encroached and penalized good tee shots for years. Most of the microenvironments of the greens and tee boxes on both courses are extremely overgrown with trees and brush and much more management and removal is needed in the future. It will take many years to provide the proper growing environment that these putting surfaces and tee boxes need. However there has been progress made in the first ten months that we can build upon going forward.

We now have tee boxes with full stands of turfgrass and we have implemented quality aeration and divot programs. The putting greens on Unicorn Golf Course are full and healthy and they had a good season despite the drought. The putting greens at the Oaks have made progress as well but are behind the condition of Unicorn’s simply because it took so long to get the irrigation somewhat functional on those greens. I feel they will catch up quickly in spring of 2017. We now have sand bunkers that are cleaned of debris and raked on a regular basis. I received the question “Is this new sand in the bunkers” quite often in 2016. I explained that it was not, we were just investing more time and maintenance into the cleaning and raking of our sand bunkers on a regular basis.

I hope this does not come across as a “pessimistic” outlook of the situation that we took over; it is just a “realistic” and “non-exaggerated” report of the situation we were and are still faced with and where we are at with our progress. Accompany all of these challenges with a record New England drought that centered exactly in the Stoneham and Boston North Shore area, and the progress that we made was still monumental. The cards could not have been stacked against us any worse, and in ten short months we have made incredible strides not only on the golf

courses but with the infrastructure of the business as well. This is undoubtedly a multiyear project but we have had a very productive ten month start.

Some golfer's memories of the 2016 golf season are simply the drought and irrigation sprinklers running all the time, however that is what we had to do to survive and keep progress moving forward. As far as golf course conditions, we have made great strides and improvements to both properties. We now have a golf course free of bottles, cans, and paper trash. We have a golf course that saw a quality fall cleanup of leaves and tree debris. Most importantly we have begun to grow grass in areas that has not seen green grass in many years. All in all every aspect of the operation has begun to move in a positive direction.

We made great strides to restore Unicorn and Oaks to courses that everyone will want to play. They both offer their own unique and challenging designs that tests golfers of all abilities, in an ideal location to attract a wonderful group of golfers and new friends alike. We offer a huge Thank You, to all of our customers that supported us all season long, and we will work very hard in the years to come to continue to improve on all aspects of the courses and their operations.

Sincerely,

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Unicorn Golf Course
Stoneham Oaks Golf Course

VETERANS SERVICES

Stoneham Veterans Services

The mission of Stoneham Veterans Services is to help veterans and their dependents with the process of applying for all benefits they may be qualified to for. These benefits may come from The VA which is funded totally by the federal government or MGL Chapter 115 benefits which is a combination of State and local benefits. Some clients are eligible for both. For Chapter 115 seventy five per cent is paid by the State and twenty five per cent is paid by the town of Stoneham. All applications are taken in this office. If someone cannot come to the office because of medical limitations I will go to his or her home and take the application. When I return I put the information into the DVS database and we receive an answer within about two days as to whether the client qualifies for benefits. I will also go to someone's home to take a VA application and have gone to nursing homes or assisted living facilities. These benefits are paid on a monthly basis. VA claims are sent to a national Veterans Service Officer who becomes the power of attorney for that claim. The only parties to that claim are the client and the POA. Therefore when a client asks me for information on his or her claim I must request that information from the POA or suggest that the client call the VA himself. We may also refer clients to outside agencies like Veterans legal services, Mystic Valley elder services, and heating assistance agencies for those who have to pay for oil or gas heat for issues that do not fall within our powers to assist.

Chapter 115 in 2016

We have approximately thirty two clients currently receiving Chapter 115 benefits. In 2016 we paid out a total of \$163,025.75. We were reimbursed a total of seventy five per cent of all of those funds. There were zero disallowances for all funds paid out. These funds offer assistance with everyday living expenses, food, fuel, doctor's visits, prescription co pays, doctor co pays, dentists, eyeglasses, hearing aids, medical insurance, prescription insurance, and Medicare parts B and D to name a few.

VA Benefits

The caseload for VA benefits covered in this office is well over one hundred. I also average about two to three new claims each week. According to a recent report I received, Stoneham veterans or dependents are currently receiving \$402,327.00 annually from the VA for various claims. The claims are for compensation, pension, death pension, DIC (death indemnity compensation), and survivors death pension (Aid and Attendance). Any of the claims

that have been approved since June of 2012 were most likely filed through this office. Unfortunately sometimes claims are approved and I am never informed because the claimant gets the award and does not notify me. When the claim is denied I always know because they tell do notify me and then the normal procedure is to appeal the claim. We never take a denial without appealing, as long as the claimant keeps us informed of what is happening. We end up prevailing on many of our appeals and again sometimes the claimant wins on appeal and never informs us when the award comes in. I always stress how important it is for clients to keep us informed with every step of the process. Clients get a notice that the claim been received, claim is being worked on (usually at least two of those letters) then they are informed of the decision. For new claims this can take approximately six to eight months. Appeals take much longer, over a year in some cases. VA claims are given different priorities and we have no control over that. We do request expedition for advanced age or disease. Older veterans and dependents have a higher priority, new claims come before appeals, and people with advanced age or disease also have a higher priority. They do the best they can, but the caseload is huge and they are understaffed. Clients sometimes do not understand this and we hear their frustrations. They sometimes do not understand that I work for the town, not the VA and I have absolutely no control over their case once it is filed.

Monthly Food Delivery

On the third Wednesday every month I go over to Memorial hall in Melrose with my own vehicle and pick up food for twenty clients. I return to my office with the food and call the clients who can pick up the food and I distribute it to them as they arrive. When that is done, usually around one o clock I then deliver the rest of the food to those who cannot pick up their orders and deliver it to their kitchen table by driving to their homes. I deliver all over Stoneham. This practice has been going on for over two years now with the use of my own vehicle. We originally had to go to Revere to get the food. I could actually help more people with this benefit, but twenty is the maximum number of orders I can put into my Toyota Rav 4 and I usually have be very strategic with how I pack the orders.

Memorial Day Parade and Town Hall ceremony

Once again we had a successful parade on Memorial Day and a ceremony at town hall. Our Parade Marshall was Robert Johnston USMC WWII veteran of Iwo Jima and several other battles. (He has since passed away) It seems like each year the crowds get larger and the support is wonderful. The parade starts at St Patrick's cemetery, then we march to Lindenwood cemetery for a ceremony at the Veterans section, and we finish at town hall with another ceremony. Full credit has to go to Maureen Buckley and the Memorial Day parade committee for putting this event together. It takes literally months to plan. We also decorate all Veterans graves in the cemeteries with American Flags. I believe the number of Flags is around three thousand now. It takes the entire week before Memorial Day to place Flags at each grave. Again this would be impossible without the wonderful group of volunteers we have.

Annual Veterans Day ceremony and Road Race

On November 11, we had our annual Veterans Day ceremony at town hall. Our special guest was Sgt. Leslie Souza USMC who is still on active duty. The ceremony was held indoors this year because we were concerned about the weather. There were several speakers and had our moment of silence at 11:11 am. The ceremony was followed by our annual 5k road race. We had more runners this year and all profits from the race were donated to Helping Our Troops. Last year's donation to HOTS was \$750.00. We hope to increase the distance of the race to 11k in 2017. Then it would become 11k on 11/11. It was originally an 11k before it discontinued for a few years, we wanted to get the race up and running again first. The next step is to increase the distance.

In closing we have enjoyed another successful year with all Chapter 115 benefits being reimbursed at 75%. We have been very successful in filing additional VA benefits for new clients as well as having our current clients continuously receiving the benefits they have been awarded. Our disabled veterans receive property tax and excise tax benefits. 100 per cent disabled veterans or surviving spouses of veterans who are killed in the line of duty or die because of a service connected disability receive an annuity from the State of \$1000 bi annually. Hopefully the assistance we give to our veterans and their families will continue to grow and improve and during 2017. I have some thoughts on how we can make that happen and hopefully we can accomplish that together